



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014 ON PAGE 190]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M
7 TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE RISE. THIS MORNING OUR INVOCATION WILL BE
8 LED BY PASTOR MIKE GOLDSWORTHY, PARKCREST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN
9 LONG BEACH FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY DAVE
10 LARA, FORMER HOSPITAL CORPSMAN THIRD CLASS UNITED STATES NAVY
11 FROM LOS ANGELES. PASTOR GOLDSWORTHY?

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13 **PASTOR MIKE GOLDSWORTHY:** WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN PRAYER? DEAR
14 GOD. WE COME TRUSTING THAT YOU'RE NEAR TO US AND THAT LIFE IS
15 FOUND IN YOU. AND THAT IN YOU WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR
16 BEING. AND SO THAT WE KNOW THAT WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS ROOM AND
17 THE DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE ARE IMPORTANT AND WE KNOW THAT
18 THEY MATTER TO YOU AND SO WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN
19 WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES AND THEIR LIVES FOR THE SERVICE
20 OF OTHERS AND FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COUNTY. AND SO WE PRAY FOR
21 YOUR SPIRIT TO BE IN THIS PLACE AND TO GUIDE THEM TODAY. AS
22 THEY DELIBERATE AND AS THEY MAKE DECISIONS, WOULD YOU GIVE
23 THEM THE WISDOM TO SEE THIS COUNTY AND TO SEE OUR CITIES
24 FLOURISH. WE PRAY FOR A SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE VULNERABLE
25 AND THE WEAK, FOR A MINDFULNESS OF THOSE WHO ARE CLOSE TO YOUR



1 HEART. MAY LOS ANGELES BE KNOWN AS A PLACE WHERE ALL PEOPLE
2 ARE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AND RESPECT. MAY THE
3 DISCUSSIONS THAT HAPPEN IN THIS PLACE TODAY HAPPEN IN A SPIRIT
4 OF PEACE AND OF GRACE. AMEN.

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6 **DAVE LARA:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN SAYING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
7 BY PLACING YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF
8 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PASTOR GOLDSWORTHY, ON BEHALF
11 OF MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING
12 THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO PRESENT US WITH A
13 BEAUTIFUL INVOCATION THIS MORNING. PASTOR GOLDSWORTHY IS THE
14 LEAD PASTOR AT PARKCREST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN LONG BEACH. HE
15 BECAME ONE OF THE YOUNGEST LEAD PASTORS OF A MEGACHURCH. IN
16 2008. HE IS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS AND CHAIRMAN OF PLANT LONG
17 BEACH A MULTIDENOMINATIONAL, MULTIETHNIC CITY-CENTRIC PLANNING
18 NETWORK IN THE GREATER LONG BEACH AREA. HE HELPED START 10 NEW
19 CHURCHES IN THE PAST THREE YEARS. MIKE AND HIS WIFE ALLISON
20 LIVE IN LONG BEACH WITH THEIR TWO CHILDREN, ISAAC AND KATE. HE
21 RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP
22 FROM THE BETHEL SEMINARY AND HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SEVERAL
23 PUBLICATIONS IN REGARDS TO MINISTRY, LEADERSHIP AND THEOLOGY.
24 SO WE WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN SAY THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE
25 TIME TO LEAD US IN THE INVOCATION. GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.] ZEV?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF
3 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY DAVE LARA. DAVE IS A RESIDENT OF
4 BRENTWOOD, I BELIEVE. BRENTWOOD AND SERVED IN THE UNITED
5 STATES NAVY FROM 1966 TO 1970. HE WAS A HOSPITAL CORPSMAN
6 THIRD CLASS. HE ALSO SERVED IN VIETNAM. HE WAS A CHARLIE 19
7 MARINE CORPS COMPANY. BATTLES OPERATIONS HASTINGS II. HE SAW
8 SOME SERIOUS ACTION AND SERVED HONORABLY FOUR YEARS WITH THE
9 NAVY. HE IS A RETIRED TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR. WORKED FOR
10 FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS HE IS A SIX YEAR RESIDENT OF
11 OUR DISTRICT AND GRADUATE OF FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL NORTHERN
12 LEAGUE. AND WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE, DAVE, AND THANK
13 YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND THANK YOU FOR LEADING
14 US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO AHEAD AND DO THE
17 AGENDA, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR.
20 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA
21 ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS. ON THE ITEM S-2,
22 ALTHOUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA INDICATES SUPERVISOR KNABE
23 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, HE WOULD LIKE
24 THIS ITEM TO BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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3 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
4 OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM NO. 1-P,
5 THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
8 SECONDED. SO BE THE ORDER.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 5, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
11 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
12 MEMBER OF A TUB PUBLIC TO HOLD THE ITEM. ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
14 AUGUST 20, 2014 AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE
15 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
16 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
19 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 7, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS
23 8 THROUGH 49. ON ITEM NO. 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF
24 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 9, THERE'S ALSO A
25 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND



1 ITEM NO. 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS, EXCUSE ME. LET ME
2 BACK UP. THERE WAS JUST A SIGNUP ON ITEM NO. 10 FROM A MEMBER
3 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 11, THERE'S A
4 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
5 15, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
6 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 18, THERE IS ALSO A REQUEST FROM A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 19, AS
8 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND
9 RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
10 AUGUST 12, 2014.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 21, THE COUNTY
15 LIBRARIAN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER
16 DEPARTMENT.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 23, THERE IS A REQUEST
21 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 24,
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
23 THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ITEM NO. 25, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 29,
25 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS



1 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 30, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
2 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 36, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
3 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 12,
4 2014. ON ITEM NO. 37, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
5 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
6 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE
9 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
10 BE THE ORDER.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE LAST ITEM WAS?

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 36.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 37 WAS-

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, 36.

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20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 36 WAS BEING CONTINUED ONE WEEK
21 AND 37 IS BEING HELD.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. IT SAID CONTINUE THAT THERE.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 23, ORDINANCES FOR
2 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 50 THROUGH 53. ON ITEM NO. 50 I'LL READ
3 THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
4 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES, BY
5 ADDING, ESTABLISHING, CHANGING AND DELETING SALARIES FOR
6 SEVERAL NONREPRESENTED CLASSIFICATIONS AND AMENDING SECTION
7 6.28.05025 ADDING DELETING AND/OR CHANGING CERTAIN
8 CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS. IN VARIOUS
9 DEPARTMENTS. ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF
10 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 51, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
11 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION,
12 BY REPEALING CHAPTER 2.37 RELATING TO THE OMBUDSMAN AND
13 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6 SALARIES BY ADDING SECTION
14 6.44.190 RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. ON
15 THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
16 HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 52, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
17 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION, RELATING TO THE
18 DETERMINATION OF CONTRACTOR NONRESPONSIBILITY AND CONTRACTOR
19 DEBARMENT BY ADDING AND REVISING THE LANGUAGE TO REFLECT THE
20 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS THE RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT FOR
21 ISSUING IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
24 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 53, THIS IS AN
2 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION GRANTING AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION
3 FRANCHISE TO T.A.-ACACIA L.L.C. TO CONDUCT AND TRANSMIT
4 ELECTRICITY FOR A PERIOD OF 35 YEARS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
7 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SEPARATE I MATTERS, ITEM NO. 54,
10 AND AGAIN I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A
11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE
12 ISSUANCE OF A SHORT-TERM BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE
13 AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,500,000. TO FINANCE THE
14 ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT NEEDS THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET LEASING CORPORATION. ON THIS ITEM,
16 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON
17 PAGE 25, DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 55 AND 56. ON ITEM NO. 55, AS
18 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 19, 2014.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 56, AGAIN AS INDICATED
24 ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS
25 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO AUGUST 26, 2014.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 26 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS
5 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE
6 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON 57-
7 A, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM WITH ITEM S-1. ON 57-B, WE WILL HOLD
8 THIS ITEM FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 29, NOTICES OF CLOSED
9 SESSION ON ITEM NO. CS-1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
10 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON CS-4, SUPERVISOR KNABE
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. AND THAT
12 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
13 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AT THIS
16 TIME I'M GOING TO ASK BRUCE LASENBEE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
17 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, KENT WOODS THE SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR
18 AND PATRICK MONROE THE PRESIDENT OF ROSE HILLS MEMORIAL PARK
19 AND MORTUARY AND OTHERS WHO ARE HERE TO JOIN US HERE AS WE
20 CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSE HILLS. ROSE HILLS WAS
21 FOUNDED IN 1914 AND WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED THE WHITTIER HEIGHTS
22 MEMORIAL PARK. IT BEGAN AS AN 18-ACRE CEMETERY SERVING THE
23 GROWING CITY OF WHITTIER AND AS THE POPULATION OF THE AREA
24 GREW, THE PARK GREW WITH IT. IN 1928, MANAGEMENT LAUNCHED AN
25 EXPANSION PROGRAM THAT CONTINUED INTO THE 1950S. AT ITS



1 LARGEST, THE PARK ONCE SPANNED NEARLY 2,500 ACRES. ROSE HILLS
2 HAS EXPANDED THE BREADTH, THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA FAMILIES. IN 1917, A SMALL INDOOR MAUSOLEUM, THE
4 SECOND SUCH PUBLIC STRUCTURE OF ITS KIND IN CALIFORNIA WAS
5 OPENED. IN 1930, EL, PORTA DE LA PAZ, DOORWAY TO THE PEACE WAS
6 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THIS LARGE INDOOR MAUSOLEUM IS
7 REMINISCENT OF THE EARLY CALIFORNIA MISSIONS WITH MARBLE
8 CORRIDORS AND EXQUISITE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. FOUR GARDEN
9 MAUSOLEUMS WERE LATER BUILT. FOUR BEAUTIFUL CHAPELS INCLUDING
10 THE MOST RECENT SKY ROSE CHAPEL WERE ALSO BUILT. IN 1942, ROSE
11 HILLS COMPLETED ITS CREMATORIUM AND IN 1956 THEY OPENED THEIR
12 FLOWER SHOP AND, AS WELL AS MAKING ROSE HILLS ONE OF THE FIRST
13 CEMETERIES IN THE COUNTRY TO OFFER ALL THE SERVICES AND
14 FACILITIES TO MEMORIALIZE AND REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES AT ONE
15 CONVENIENT LOCATION. TODAY THEY COVER MORE THAN 1,400 ACRES,
16 MAKING IT THE LARGEST CEMETERY IN NORTH AMERICA. ROSE HILLS IS
17 PROUD TO BE ABLE TO OFFER COMPLETE MEMORIAL CARE FROM A SINGLE
18 LOCATION, INCLUDING CEMETERY, FUNERAL AND CREMATION OFFERINGS.
19 ON THIS HIGH LEVEL OF COMPREHENSIVE FUNERAL SERVICES THAT ROSE
20 HILLS OFFERS REFLECTS THE DEDICATED EFFORT OF ITS MORE THAN
21 500 TEAM MEMBERS WHO ARE AS DIVERSE AS THE COMMUNITY THEY
22 SERVE TO REPRESENT MANY TRADITIONS AND CULTURES. THEY ARE
23 COMMITTED TO BEING KNOWN AS THE GENUINE COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
24 EXAMPLES OF THIS COMMITMENT ARE THE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT
25 ATTRACTING OVER 10,000 VISITORS AND A PLACE OF INCLUSION WHICH



1 IS AN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT FOCUSING ON REMEMBERING THE CHINESE
2 EXCLUSION ACT. EACH YEAR, AND I PARTICIPATED IN THIS MANY
3 TIMES, ROSE HILLS ALSO PRESENTS THE VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR AND
4 HOMELESS VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE SUPPORTING AS WELL AS
5 HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED. THEY'RE A GREAT STEWARD OF
6 THEIR LAND AND RESOURCES, 3/4 OF THEIR MEMORIAL PARK ARE
7 IRRIGATED WITH RECYCLED WATER, EXPANSION OF THAT SYSTEM TO
8 INCLUDE THE WHOLE FACILITY WILL BE COMPLETED IN 2015. SO WE DO
9 WANT TO THANK THEM FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS
10 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND AS WE ALL KNOW,
11 DURING PROBABLY THE MOST DIFFICULT TIME IN THE FAMILY'S LIFE.
12 THEY'RE A GREAT CORPORATE CITIZEN, INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN THE
13 COMMUNITY IN MANY COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS. SO WE WANT TO WISH
14 YOU ALL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAPPY 100 YEARS. AND THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO THE
16 FAMILIES WE SERVE. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF ROSE HILLS MEMORIAL
19 PARK, WE APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION AND WE'RE HONORED TO BE
20 HERE TODAY, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, WE'D LIKE TO CALL UP DEPUTY
23 DOUGLAS DECESARE AND CAPTAIN ELIEZER VERA FROM THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT. EACH YEAR THIS BOARD SINCE 1984 ON THE FIRST
25 TUESDAY OF AUGUST HAS DECLARED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF



1 TOWN WATCH SPONSORS THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. WHICH IS A UNIQUE
2 NATIONWIDE CRIME AND DRUG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM. OUR
3 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PLAYS A VERY VITAL ROLE IN
4 COORDINATING THESE PREVENTION EFFORTS IN COMMUNITIES
5 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BY STRIVING FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
6 AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY, CRIME REDUCTION AND AWARENESS. TODAY
7 IS THE FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST, AND THEREFORE A NATIONAL NIGHT
8 OUT DAY. SO WE URGE ALL OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART
9 IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT IN MULTIPLE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT
10 THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND BY TURNING ON YOUR FRONT
11 PORCH LIGHTS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND GO OUT, AS I SAID, AND
12 PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RALLIES THAT ARE TAKING
13 PLACE TONIGHT. WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CONTINUE THAT
14 COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR. SO WE'D LIKE TO THANK
15 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR
16 THIS GREAT PROGRAM AND MORE IMPORTANTLY ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU
17 TO PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TONIGHT.
18 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE'D LIKE TO BRING OUR DIRECTOR OF
19 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES UP HERE, DR. STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, ALONG
20 WITH MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF, WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE
21 CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH. OUR CHILD SUPPORT-- [APPLAUSE.]
22 OUR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS THE LARGEST LOCALLY-
23 RUN CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. DEDICATED
24 STAFF OF OVER 1,500 EMPLOYEES HANDLES A CASELOAD OF 300,000
25 CASES. THIS IS A QUARTER OF THE TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD



1 HERE IN THE GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS
2 ALONE, THEY HAVE COLLECTED OVER \$1 BILLION IN SUPPORT, MUCH OF
3 THAT IS DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES,
4 WHICH HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE SERVICES WE HAVE TO PROVIDE,
5 AS WELL, TOO, SO GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THAT'S BIG
6 NUMBERS. [APPLAUSE.] THIS PAST MAY, THE DEPARTMENT WAS HONORED
7 WITH THE POSITIVE COLLABORATION AWARD BY THE CHILD SUPPORT
8 DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA FOR THEIR WORK WITH THE
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ENHANCE THE LEVEL OF SERVICES THEY
10 PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. IN SHORT, THEY MAY BE VERY SMALL
11 DEPARTMENT, BUT THEY HAVE A BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT AND MUCH TO BE
12 PROUD OF ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE
13 FAMILIES WHERE THEY GET THE DOLLARS NECESSARY THAT ARE OWED TO
14 FOLKS. SO WE JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS ON
15 YOUR AWARD AND MORE IMPORTANTLY DECLARE THIS CHILD SUPPORT
16 AWARENESS MONTH.

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18 **DR. STEVEN GOLIGHTLY:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN, AND TO THE
19 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS. CHILD SUPPORT CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE,
20 CAN IT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POVERTY AND ECONOMIC SELF-
21 SUFFICIENCY. THE CHAIRMAN GAVE A FEW STATISTICS ABOUT OUR
22 DEPARTMENT, BUT LET ME ADD JUST A FEW MORE. WE HAVE ABOUT
23 300,000 CASES. THAT MEANS ABOUT HALF A MILLION CHILDREN ARE
24 SERVED BY OUR OFFICE EVERY DAY IN ADDITION TO THOSE 300,000
25 CASES. WE HAVE CASES IN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE



1 OTHER 49 STATES, THE FOUR TERRITORIES AND 16 FOREIGN
2 COUNTRIES. SO IT'S MUCH BROADER THAN SIMPLY LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. MOST OF THE MONEY THAT WE COLLECT DOES GO DIRECTLY TO
4 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THE CHAIRMAN INDICATED THAT WE RECEIVED
5 A RATHER PRESTIGIOUS AWARD THIS YEAR FROM THE CALIFORNIA CHILD
6 SUPPORT DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION. IT WAS FOR POSITIVE
7 COLLABORATION. AND IT WAS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FACT THAT
8 WE, MY TEAM, BROUGHT TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE
9 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, NINE OTHER LOCAL CHILD
10 SUPPORT AGENCIES, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO DEVELOP A MOBILE
11 APP FOR A SMART PHONE SO THAT OUR CUSTOMERS NOW CAN ACCESS
12 INFORMATION ON THEIR SMART PHONE ABOUT THEIR CASE WHO DON'T
13 NECESSARILY NEED TO CALL OR COME INTO OUR OFFICE. ON THE DIAS
14 WITH ME THIS MORNING IN ADDITION TO MY EXECUTIVE TEAM, I HAD
15 TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM I.B.M. WHO HELPED US DEVELOP THIS APP
16 AND SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH US. WITH US THIS MORNING IS RENA
17 BURNS AND CHUCK SKYCO FROM I.B.M. I WANTED TO PUBLICLY
18 ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PROJECT. [APPLAUSE.]
19 AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I SAY THIS EVERY YEAR AND IT IS REALLY
20 HEARTFELT, BUT WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. WE DO IT WITH
21 TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THEIR
22 DEPUTIES, FROM BILL, FROM BRENT, FROM ANTONIA AND THE C.E.O.'S
23 OFFICE EVERY DAY, FROM OUR FRIENDS AT A.F.S.C.M.E. AND
24 S.E.I.U. AND OUR PARTNERS AT THE COURT. THIS IS A COMMUNITY
25 ACTIVITY AND WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE DESIGNATION OF AUGUST



1 OF CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
7 BRING A GOOD FRIEND OF OURS WHO IS GOING TO BE LEAVING US TO
8 BECOME THE AMBASSADOR TO CANADA. THE T.E.C.O. DIRECTOR-GENERAL
9 AMBASSADOR BRUCE LINGHU, WHO IS WITH THE TAIWAN ECONOMIC
10 CULTURAL OFFICE FOR THIS PAST YEAR OF SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. HE BEGAN HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER OVER 32 YEARS AGO.
12 FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE MARSHAL ISLANDS WHERE HE SERVED FROM
13 2007 TO 2010. 2010 HE RETURNED TO TAIPEI TO BECOME DIRECTOR
14 GENERAL OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS. AND IN 2013 RETURNED TO LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY TO HEAD THE T.E.C.O. OFFICE HERE. SINCE HIS
16 ARRIVAL LAST NOVEMBER, HE'S BEEN VERY BUSY PROMOTING TRADE,
17 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND RELATIONSHIPS AND HIS
18 JURISDICTION COVERING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA AND NEW
19 MEXICO. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL LEAVES THIS POST AS I SAID FOR
20 HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TAIPEI
21 ECONOMIC CULTURAL OFFICE IN OTTAWA, CANADA. BRUCE, IT'S A REAL
22 PLEASURE TO HAVE WORKED WITH YOU OVER THE YEARS AND LOOK
23 FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR RELATIONSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP AND
24 THANK YOU FOR SERVING YOUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

25



1 **BRUCE LINGHU:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MY OLD FRIEND, SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH. AND MR. CHAIRMAN KNABE AND ALSO TO SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. YOU KNOW, INDEED, IT
4 IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE PRESENTED THIS CERTIFICATE THIS
5 MORNING. I STARTED MY OVERSEAS SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1987
6 FOR SIX YEARS AS VICE-CONSUL AND THEN CONSUL. AND THEN I CAME
7 BACK IN 1997 AS DEPUTY CONSUL-GENERAL AT THE SAME OFFICE IN
8 LOS ANGELES FOR 3-1/2 YEARS. AND LAST YEAR I CAME BACK AS THE
9 CONSUL-GENERAL, FINALLY, BUT ONLY LESS THAN ONE YEAR. I DON'T
10 KNOW WHY IT'S MY TERMS ARE GETTING SHORTER AND SHORTER.
11 PERHAPS I ASK MYSELF MY QUOTA WITH LOS ANGELES MAYBE IS
12 RUNNING SHORT. BUT MY OFFICE IS WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE
13 PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF LOS ANGELES FOR SO MANY YEARS. AND WE
14 HAVE A VERY STRONG TRADE, CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP WITH TAIWAN AND
15 THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES. WE
16 ARE NO. 4 TRADING PARTNER WITH THE GREATER LOS ANGELES. AND WE
17 ARE THE SHIPPING COMPANIES FROM TAIWAN, ACTUALLY TOTAL LIKE AT
18 LEAST MORE THAN A QUARTER OF THE VOLUMES IN PORT OF LOS
19 ANGELES. SO THAT INDICATES HOW CLOSE WE ARE. AND ALSO LOS
20 ANGELES IS THE BIGGEST TAIWANESE AND CHINESE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE
21 TAIWAN IN MAINLAND CHINA. IT ALL SHOWS THAT WE HAVE A VERY
22 STRONG BOND. AND PERSONALLY I HAVE VERY STRONG ATTACHMENT TO
23 LOS ANGELES. THE KIND OF FRIENDSHIP AND THE WARMTH EXTENDED TO
24 ME AND MY COLLEAGUES WILL CERTAINLY HELP ME WITH MY BIGGEST
25 CHALLENGE IN OTTAWA, CANADA, WHICH IS THE SECOND COLDEST



1 CAPITAL IN THE WORLD. AND I CERTAINLY WILL MISS THE WARM
2 SUNSHINE AND ESPECIALLY THE FRIENDSHIP FROM HERE. I WILL KEEP
3 LOS ANGELES ALWAYS IN MIND. AND I BELIEVE THAT I WILL CONSIDER
4 LOS ANGELES A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR ME. SO THIS MORNING, I
5 REALLY APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE TO SAY: SEE
6 YOU AGAIN. WE DON'T SAY GOODBYE. WE SAY SEE YOU AGAIN TO THE
7 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE ONE OF THE GREAT CHESS PLAYERS IN
11 THE WORLD, ANNIE WANG. SHE'S 12 YEARS OLD FROM LA CANADA.
12 SHE'S THE YOUNGEST AMERICAN GIRL TO EARN THE CHESS MASTER IN
13 THE 12 AND UNDER CATEGORY AT THE 2014 NATIONAL JUNIOR CHESS
14 CONGRESS COMPETITIVE IN IRVINE. ANNIE BEGAN PLAYING CHESS AT
15 THE AGE OF 5 AND HAS PLAYED OVER 3,496 GAMES, COMPETITIONS IN
16 NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING PARTICIPATING IN
17 ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, DUBAI, TURKEY, SLOVENIA. SHE'S CURRENTLY A
18 STUDENT AT LA CANADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WILL BE PURSUING A
19 CAREER IN SCIENCE. WITH HER TODAY IS HER FATHER, OH WANG. AND
20 WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU. YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAUGHTER. AND
21 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HER AND WE WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS.

22 [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **ANNIE WANG:** I'M HONORED TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD. THANK YOU.

25 [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE SOME OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FROM
3 LANCASTER FROM SOAR HIGH SCHOOL WHO HAVE CREATED A FUNCTIONAL
4 BLOOD ALCOHOL DETECTION BRACELET TO HELP SAVE LIVES AND TO
5 HELP SAVE LIVES FROM DRUNK DRIVERS. SOAR HIGH SCHOOL IS ONE OF
6 15 HIGH SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE AND ONLY ONE TO REPRESENT
7 CALIFORNIA AT THE EIGHTH ANNUAL EUREKA TEST HELD AT M.I.T.,
8 THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. ALONG WITH STUDENTS
9 FROM SOAR HIGH SCHOOL, WE HAVE THEIR TEACHER, RACHAEL THEBOLT,
10 AND THE MENTORS, ALLEN GARDENER AND DR. MICHAEL PETERS. SO WE
11 WANT TO THANK THE STUDENTS. RACHAEL? [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF SOAR HIGH SCHOOL AND THE SOAR HIGH
14 SCHOOL INVENT TEAM, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD
15 OF SUPERVISORS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING OUR WORK THIS YEAR AND FOR
16 SUPPORTING US AND RECOGNIZING OUR INVENTION OF THE ALCOHOL
17 DETECTION BRACELET. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WITH CONTINUED WORK
18 AND EFFORT AND SUPPORT FROM OUR L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY, THAT WE
19 WILL BE ABLE TO HELP THE GREAT TRAGEDIES THAT OCCUR AS A
20 RESULT OF DRINKING AND DRIVING. PLEASE LOOK FOR US AND SUPPORT
21 US. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY BECAUSE OF OUR GREAT AEROSPACE INDUSTRY,
25 THEY'RE INVOLVED IN OUR SCHOOLS, THEY'RE HELPING OUR YOUNG



1 PEOPLE. AND WE JUST APPRECIATE THE TEACHERS AND THE MENTORS
2 FOR HELPING WHAT WE HAVE TODAY, THE CREAM OF THE CROP.
3 CONGRATULATIONS, ALL OF YOU, ON YOUR EMMY AWARDS. NOW WE HAVE
4 AN 11TH MONTH OLD LITTLE BOY NEUTERED. LITTLE COSMO IS LOOKING
5 FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT COSMO YOU CAN CALL
6 562-728-4610 FOR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO IS INTERESTED IN
7 COSMO.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT WE HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS SIGN UP
10 FOR MULTIPLE ITEMS. ARNOLD SACHS: 8, 59, 11, 23, 29, 37, 51,
11 54 AND CS-1. GENEVIEVE. 8, 50, 11, 15, 29, 51. ERIC PREVEN, 1,
12 8, 50, 10, 11, 18, 23, 24, 25 AND 51. COME FORWARD, PLEASE.
13 NOBODY HERE? OH, THEY'RE HERE.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S ERIC
16 PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND STUDIO CITY
17 RESIDENT. I WANTED TODAY TO ADDRESS S-1 THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
18 ITEM WHICH I KNOW YOU'LL BE CALLING UP LATER BUT THERE'S A
19 NUMBER OF ITEMS EMBEDDED IN THE AGENDA WHICH I WILL TRY TO
20 ADDRESS. THE ITEM 8 AND NO. 9 BOTH HAVE TO DO WITH THE OFFICE
21 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL WHICH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING
22 IS MAX HUNTSMAN. HE'S BEEN PUT INTO OFFICE. AND NOW WE ARE
23 STAFFING UP WITH SOMETHING LIKE 37 DIFFERENT POSITIONS WHO ARE
24 GOING TO HELP WITH THIS GROUP. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME
25 OVERSIGHT. SO THE QUESTION OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT PUTS THAT IN



1 PLACE IS A LITTLE PUZZLING TO RESIDENTS. OF COURSE WHAT WE
2 REALLY WANT IS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT NOT MAX HUNTSMAN WHO IS A
3 FORMER D.A. AND A NUMBER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES, NINE OF WHICH
4 SPECIFICALLY WILL BE HOUSED IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. NOW THE
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE WHEN IT COMES TO OVERSIGHT OVER COUNTY
6 BUSINESS ARE NICE PEOPLE, BY THE WAY, BUT THEY DO A TERRIBLE
7 JOB. ONE ISSUE THAT THEY LOOK OVER IS LOBBYISTS' BUSINESS AND
8 CARRYING ON. AND QUITE FRANKLY, I DISCOVERED A \$50,000 GIFT
9 THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN BY A LOBBYIST, A FIRM THAT ENGAGES THE
10 LOBBYISTS AND THAT GIFT WAS FOR TASERS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IN
11 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WHEN I BROUGHT IT TO THE BOARD'S
12 ATTENTION AND TO THE SHERIFF'S ATTENTION, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
13 WAS DONE. THE SHERIFF IS SUPPOSED TO DISCLOSE THIS, IT NEVER
14 HAPPENED. FINALLY JOHN SCOTT, THE RECENT GUY TOOK CARE OF IT.
15 BUT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WHO HAD DIRECT OVERSIGHT WAS AWARE OF
16 THAT AND I BRING IT UP AS AN EXAMPLE BECAUSE THEY DID
17 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT IT. THEY DID ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT
18 IT. AND SO TO BE EMPOWERING THAT GROUP WITH THE PUBLIC'S
19 OVERSIGHT OF THE CHALLENGING LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES IS A
20 TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE IDEA. ITEM NO. 24 IS ALSO PUZZLING BECAUSE
21 IN 2011, WE GAVE A.E.C.O.M. THE LARGE CONSTRUCTION FIRM, THEY
22 ARE EXPANDING RAPIDLY, THEY'VE PICKED UP A COMPANY IN SAN
23 FRANCISCO TWO WEEKS AGO. THIS GROUP, WHO'S EMBEDDED IN COUNTY
24 BUSINESS, WERE GIVEN \$13 MILLION IN 2011 TO PROVIDE AN OCTAGON
25 IDEA FOR A NEW, BIG JAIL. I REMEMBER SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY



1 VERY SPECIFICALLY SAID "\$1.1 BILLION, 2.4 BILLION WITH BOND
2 COSTS, NOT ON MY WATCH." WELL NOW IT'S TWO YEARS LATER,
3 THEY'LL BE GIVING ANOTHER \$13 MILLION ON ITEM 24, IT'S 10
4 MILLION TO THEM, THERE IS SOME OTHER MONEY THERE. AND ONCE
5 AGAIN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ARE
6 TREPIDATIOUS ABOUT A BIG, NEW REPLACEMENT JAIL. SO ITEM NO. 2
7 TODAY I WANT TO JUST CLOSE ON IS THE DON KNABE AND BILL
8 FUJIOKA ARE VERY PROUD OF THEIR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE
9 YEARS AND THERE'S A MEASURE THERE TO BE CONSIDERED. BUT IT'S
10 FOUR OUT OF FIVE VOTES AMONG THE SUPERVISORS TO CHANGE THE
11 FISCAL POLICY IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY'RE ADDING THAT'S
12 INSIDE ITEM NO. 2. BUT WE CAN APPROVE A 2 PLUS BILLION DOLLARS
13 JAIL WITH ONLY THREE VOTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? I
14 WOULD URGE THE BOARD TO CHANGE ITEM NO. 2 TO MAKE IT SO THAT
15 WE CAN NEVER HAVE THIS KIND OF AN ACTION TAKE PLACE WITHOUT
16 THE MAXIMUM SUPPORT. AND WE SHOULD ALSO WAIT FOR THE NEW
17 SUPERVISORS WHO ARE COMING ON.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S UP. NEXT?

20 [APPLAUSE.] [CHEERING]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL START OUT THIS WAY,
23 THEN. MR. PREVEN, LOVE YOUR APPLAUSE, BUT WE DO NOT ALLOW
24 APPLAUSE IN THE ROOM. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME NOISE JUST
25 RAISE YOUR HANDS OR DO WHATEVER, NO APPLAUSE, PLEASE, FOR OR



1 AGAINST, ON EITHER SIDE OF ANY ISSUE. AND I JUST ASK YOU:
2 PLEASE, NO APPLAUSE. AND PLEASE ABIDE BY THAT. AND WE THANK
3 YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. GENEVIEVE?

4

5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
6 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 11, IT IS VERY DISTURBING TO
7 SEE THAT WE ARE DISSOLVING THE POSITION OF OMBUDSMAN. I THINK
8 THAT'S ALWAYS A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION TO HAVE TO REALLY
9 ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO HAVE INPUT, ALSO EMPLOYEES. AND TO REMOVE
10 IT AND TO ADD 20 POSITIONS TO THE O.I.G. AND SO ON, I THINK
11 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAVE ALREADY ADD MULTIPLE POSITIONS
12 IN THE TIMES THAT POSITION WAS CREATED, SO I THINK THEY ARE
13 PRETTY FAT AND I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE ADDED ANY OTHER
14 POSITIONS. ON ITEM 15, U.S.C. EQUIPMENT, I'M TOTALLY IN FAVOR
15 OF ADDING EQUIPMENT TO U.S.C. BUT I THINK BEFORE YOU ADD
16 EQUIPMENT TO U.S.C., IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO ASSESS HOW
17 STABLE IS U.S.C. HOSPITAL. IT HAS ALREADY SUNK 2 INCHES AND
18 NOBODY IS TALKING. BY ADDING THAT NEW EQUIPMENT, THAT WILL
19 REQUIRE A LOT OF LEAD AND SO ON IN THE WALL TO ADD NUMEROUS
20 WEIGHT TO THAT BUILDING. SO I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHAT
21 ADJUSTMENT HAS BEEN MADE. ON ITEM 29, MY FAVORITE SUBJECT,
22 M.L.K. HOSPITAL. AND GUESS WHAT? ON THAT SHUTTLE WE HAVE BEEN
23 PAID FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS FOR A PROBABLY A SHUTTLE TO
24 NOWHERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW M.L.K., AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, HAVE
25 NOT BEEN BUILT THE LAST THREE YEARS. BUT WE HAVE BEEN PAYING.



1 AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE ARE EXTENDING THE CONTRACT.
2 INITIALLY WE WERE PAYING \$458,000. NOW WE HAVE INCREASED TO
3 \$650,476. I THINK IT'S QUITE EXPENSIVE FOR A SHUTTLE TO
4 NOWHERE AND FROM NOWHERE. SO, FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE ALREADY
5 PAID THREE YEARS ON THAT CONTRACT. AND TO EXTEND IT WITH AN
6 OPTION TO INCREASE 10 PERCENT EVERY YEAR IS SOMETHING WRONG
7 WITH THIS PICTURE. BUT EVERYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH M.L.K. NEW
8 HOSPITAL, WE DON'T GET ANY INFORMATION OR INPUT. THIS YEAR
9 ALONE, YOU HAVE ALREADY APPROVED OVER \$323 MILLION FOR THIS
10 HOSPITAL WITH AN ADDITION OF \$100 MILLION EVERY YEAR FOR THE
11 NEXT 70 YEARS. SO IT WOULD BE NICE THAT IF THE MEDIA WOULD DO
12 SOME INVESTIGATION. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND
17 I DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. BUT I'M REALLY ONLY GOING TO TALK
18 ABOUT THREE OF THEM. I'M ALSO GOING TO TALK ABOUT 29-B, WHICH
19 IS THE SHUTTLE. IT'S AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT, ALMOST 40
20 PERCENT. NO NEW R.F.P. SO WHAT STANDARD DO YOU IMPLEMENT A NEW
21 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL WHEN CONTRACTS GO UP? I HELD ITEM 54. IT
22 DEALS WITH A BOND ISSUANCE BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET
23 LEASING CORPORATION. AND THE REASON I HELD THAT IS BECAUSE
24 BACK IN JUNE 20TH, 2011, WHEN METRO WAS PUTTING UP
25 DOCUMENTATION FOR THE TIFIA LOAN FOR THE CRENSHAW LINE, THEY



1 USED IT AS AN EXAMPLE. AS RATIONALE FOR THE NONPROFIT
2 ORGANIZATION THAT THEY WANTED TO FORM. RATIONALE. BUT THEY
3 HAVE NO RATIONALE FOR THE TWO OTHER TIFIA LOANS THEY GOT FOR
4 THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR AND THE EXTENSION OF THE SUBWAY TO THE
5 CITY, PURPLE LINE, WHATEVER, BOTH OF THOSE ARE GETTING FUNDED
6 BY TIFIA LOANS BUT NOT THROUGH NONPROFITS. SO WHERE'S THE
7 RATIONALE? AND THEN I HELD ITEM NO. 2 ALSO. IT DEALS WITH
8 BUDGET POLICIES AND PRIORITIES. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK HOW
9 MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE HAVE AGENDAS SO THEY COULD FOLLOW ALONG
10 SOMEWHAT? OR READ ABOUT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE LANGUAGE, THE
11 DELETION OF LANGUAGE OR THE MODIFICATION OF LANGUAGE OR THE
12 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW POLICIES OR THE REVISING OF LANGUAGE?
13 THIS IS ALL DEALING WITH COUNTY CODES AND POLICIES. AND THE
14 LANGUAGE IS REALLY IMPORTANT HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO DEAL
15 WITH THAT ON S-1. EVEN IN SUNDAY'S COMICS THEY GOT IT,
16 YESTERDAY. IF YOU LOOK AT SUNDAY'S COMICS. YOU SEE THE SINGING
17 OYSTER. NOT HERE, THE SINGING OYSTER.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS, ADDRESS YOUR COMMENTS TO US.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S IMPORTANT ABOUT THE LANGUAGE. YOU JUST HAD
22 AN ITEM PRESENTATION, CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH. AND AGAIN
23 A POLICY. THE COUNTY'S STILL PAYING JUDGES \$20 MILLION IN
24 ADDITION TO THEIR SALARIES. IS THAT PART OF THE POLICY? AND
25 THEN YOU JUST HAD A PERFECT EXAMPLE. THESE PEOPLE DESERVE



1 APPLAUSE. STAND UP AND GIVE THEM APPLAUSE. OH, BY THE WAY,
2 THERE'S NO APPLAUSE IN THE BOARD. WHAT'S THE POLICY? WELL,
3 WHEN WE SAY IT'S AN APPLAUSE, WE SAY IT'S AN APPLAUSE. WHEN WE
4 SAY IT'S NOT AN APPLAUSE, WELL, WHAT IS IT? PERFECT POLICY.
5 PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHY YOU NEED TO GET AN AGENDA. YOU NEED TO
6 READ WHAT'S IN THE AGENDA. YOU CAN'T JUST LISTEN TO WHAT THEY
7 SAY BECAUSE YOU'LL BE SUFFERING FROM GAS PAINS FOR THE REST OF
8 YOUR LIFE. IT'S JUST THAT. READ. PAY ATTENTION. READ THE
9 COMICS. THE COMICS GET IT. THEY DON'T. YOU CAN APPLAUD. THROW
10 YOU OUT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICERS,
13 THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
16 YOU, ITEM NO. 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 23, 25, 29, 37, 50, 51
17 AND 54.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
21 ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE TO 57-B. THE CHAIR WILL PULL IT
22 UP.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 57-B, ALL THOSE WHO
25 PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR



1 RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN? 57-B? AND IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY
2 GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE
3 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU
4 GOD? PLEASE BE SEATED. ON ITEM NO. 57-B, THIS IS THE PUBLIC
5 HEARING TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO INSURE CONTINUED FUNDING AND
6 TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO PLACE THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
7 PARKS, YOUTH, SENIOR RECREATION, BEACHES, WILDLIFE PROTECTION
8 MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 BALLOT AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL
9 SPECIAL TAX ON ALL PROPERTIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
10 CONSISTING OF \$23 PER PARCEL TO BE LEVIED FOR 30 YEARS
11 COMMENCING IN FISCAL YEAR 2015-16. THERE WAS CORRESPONDENCE
12 RECEIVED. AND THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WELL GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE
15 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. I'LL CALL THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS LATER WHEN
16 WE GET A FULL BOARD. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD. MR. GUINEY, GO
17 AHEAD.

18

19 **RUSS GUINEY:** GOOD MORNING. RUSS GUINEY. DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND
20 RECREATION. I ALSO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL PARK
21 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND I HAVE WITH ME JANE BEASLEY, THE
22 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. A MEASURE THAT IS
23 BEFORE YOU TODAY PROPOSES TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF
24 AN EXPIRING VOTER-APPROVED MEASURE, THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
25 PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1992. THAT MEASURE AND ITS COMPANION



1 MEASURE FROM 1996 WERE PLACED ON THE BALLOT BY YOUR BOARD FOR
2 CONSIDERATION BY THE VOTERS IN RESPECTIVE YEARS AND WERE
3 APPROVED BY 64 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS IN 1992 AND 65 PERCENT OF
4 THE VOTERS IN 1996. HUNDREDS OF PARK RECREATION, BEACH, OPEN
5 SPACE, MUSEUMS, SENIOR CENTER, AT-RISK YOUTH FACILITIES HAVE
6 BEEN BOUGHT, BUILT, RENOVATED, AND EXPANDED IN EVERY AREA OF
7 THE COUNTY PROVIDING BENEFITS TO EVERY RESIDENT AND EVERY
8 PROPERTY OWNER. FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED ON PARKS THAT ARE
9 PART OF THE COUNTY GANG VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVE.
10 STATISTICS SUPPORT THE FACT THAT CRIMES ARE DECREASED IN
11 NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING THE PARKS WHERE THESE PROGRAMS ARE
12 HELD. ALMOST EVERY PROJECT PROPOSED IN THE MEASURES HAVE BEEN
13 COMPLETED. WE'RE ON TRACK TO COMPLETE THE REST. IN ALL YOUR
14 BOARD HAS AWARDED 1,545 GRANTS IN THE COUNTY TOTALING
15 \$1,035,030,755.74 THE ASSESSMENT FOR PROP A OF 1992 WILL
16 EXPIRE NEXT JUNE 30TH RESULTING IN AN IMMEDIATE LOSS OF 52
17 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR THE COUNTY, CITIES AND OTHER PARK
18 AGENCIES COUNTYWIDE INCLUDING 8 MILLION PER YEAR IN
19 MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING FUNDS AND THE REMAINDER FOR CAPITAL
20 PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE FOR REPAIR, REHABILITATION, ACQUISITION
21 AND IMPROVEMENT OF SAFE PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES,
22 BEACHES, OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, WILDLIFE HABITATS, SENIOR AND AT-
23 RISK YOUTH AND ANTI-GANG FACILITIES IN EVERY CORNER OF THE
24 COUNTY. COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT ALONE HAS A DEFERRED
25 MAINTENANCE AND UNFUNDED CAPITAL PROJECT NEED OF AROUND 800



1 MILLION. ADD IN THE CITY PARKS DEPARTMENT AND OTHER PARK AND
2 RECREATION PROVIDERS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ARE IN THE
3 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. PARK FACILITIES LIKE A HOME, BUSINESS,
4 ROADWAY OR BRIDGE REQUIRE ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND EVENTUALLY
5 COMPLETE REPLACEMENT. PLAYGROUNDS NEED TO BE UPDATED WITH THE
6 LATEST AND SAFEST EQUIPMENT. MANY AREAS OF THE COUNTY ARE PARK
7 POOR AND NEED A PARK, RECREATION CENTER OR SWIMMING POOL TO BE
8 BUILT TO SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. IF THE PRESENT MEASURE IS
9 ALLOWED TO EXPIRE AND A NEW MEASURE IS NOT PROVIDED, THEN
10 THESE NEEDS WILL NOT BE MET AND THE BACKLOG OF DEFERRED
11 MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECT NEEDS WILL ONLY GROW LARGER.
12 LACK OF ADEQUATE PARK FACILITIES WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO
13 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND CRIME AS YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE FEWER
14 PLACES TO RECREATE IN A POSITIVE MANNER. PEOPLE LIVING NEAR
15 PARKS TEND TO WALK AND EXERCISE MORE AND LACK OF ACCESS TO
16 TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTES TO THE EPIDEMIC OF OBESITY,
17 DIABETES, AND OTHER CHRONIC ILLNESSES. PRESENTLY PROP A
18 FUNDING COMES FROM THREE SOURCES: PROP A 1992 BRINGS IN \$52
19 MILLION PER YEAR. PROP A 1996, \$28,000,000 PER YEAR AND
20 INTEREST ON UNEXPENDED FUNDS PRESENTLY AVERAGES AROUND 10
21 MILLION FOR A TOTAL AVERAGE YEARLY INCOME OF \$90 MILLION. THAT
22 MONEY IS EXTENDED EACH YEAR. AND YOUR BOARD YEARLY ALLOCATES
23 MONEY TO PROJECTS AT AROUND THE RATE OF \$55 MILLION. AND ABOUT
24 35 MILLION PER YEAR GOES TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON
25 BONDED FUNDS. HOW MUCH OF THAT MONEY IS PRESENTLY COMMITTED



1 AND UNCOMMITTED? ALREADY COMMITTED TO CAPITAL PROJECTS, \$20
2 MILLION. NOT YET COMMITTED, 134 MILLION. HOW QUICKLY WILL
3 THESE FUND BE COMMITTED? AT THE PRESENT RATE OF COMMITMENT BY
4 YOUR BOARD, WE EXPECT BY TWO TO THREE YEARS THE 134 MILLION
5 WILL ALL BE COMMITTED. IF A NEW MEASURE IS NOT APPROVED THIS
6 YEAR, THEN IN TWO YEARS, INCOME WILL DROP TO ABOUT 33 MILLION
7 PER YEAR AND ANNUAL FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS WILL
8 DECREASE TO BELOW 20 PER YEAR. PROP A 1996 FUNDING WILL END
9 AFTER JULY 1, 2019. ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE WILL BE COMMITTED BY
10 2021. SHOULD YOUR BOARD CHOOSE TO PUT THIS MEASURE ON THE
11 NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT AND THE VOTERS APPROVE THE MEASURE THEN
12 THE FUNDING STREAM WILL CONTINUE WITH NO INTERRUPTION. SHOULD
13 YOUR BOARD CHOOSE TO WAIT TO PUT A MEASURE ON THE 2016 BALLOT,
14 THEN THERE WILL BE AN IMMEDIATE DECREASE OF FUNDING OF 52
15 MILLION PER YEAR STARTING NEXT JULY 1ST AND A FUNDING GAP OF
16 OVER 104 MILLION, AT MINIMUM, LOST OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS
17 EVEN WITH THE OPTIMISTIC EXPECTATION THAT A MEASURE WOULD BE
18 PLACED ON THE BALLOT AND APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 2016. THIS
19 SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF FUNDING CAN BE AVOIDED IF YOUR BOARD PUTS
20 THIS MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AND IF THE VOTERS APPROVE
21 THIS MEASURE AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. THE MEASURE WOULD
22 AUTHORIZE AN ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX ON ALL PROPERTIES IN THE
23 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONSISTING OF \$23 PER PARCEL. MS.
24 BEASLEY AND I ARE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SHOULD YOU HAVE
25 ANY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ANY QUESTIONS? MIKE? **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE 2018 IS
3 THE YEAR THAT THE 1996 TAX EXPIRES, IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

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5 **RUSS GUINEY:** JUNE 30TH 2019 THE TAX YEAR ENDS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS A PROPERTY TAX ALREADY LEVIED FOR
8 PARKS.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** A SECOND ONE, YEAH.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TWO TAXES AND
13 WE COULD HAVE AN ADDITIONAL, SO THAT THERE WAS NO LOSS OF
14 REVENUE IF THAT WAS THE WILL OF THE COMMUNITY, THAT COULD BE
15 ON THE 2016 BALLOT WITHOUT ANY LOSS OF REVENUE. SO THERE'S NO
16 SENSE OF URGENCY. AND THIS IS REALLY THE FIRST TIME THAT WE
17 DID NOT GO OUT AND WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE SOME
18 FORUMS TO PUT TOGETHER A PARK PROPOSAL.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSY:** MR. ANTONOVICH, THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT THE CASE AT ALL.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PROP A '92 EXPIRES WHEN?

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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** JUNE 30, 2015.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A YEAR FROM NOW.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S CORRECT. BUT WE HAVE IN 2016, WE'RE
6 GOING TO BE HAVING -- WE COULD HAVE A BALLOT. BECAUSE WE
7 CURRENTLY HAVE -- THERE ARE TWO TAXES. TWO TAXES.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE A LOSS OF REVENUE IF
12 YOU INCREASE THE TAX OR IF WE SPENT THE TAX DOLLARS THAT WE
13 CURRENTLY HAVE. BECAUSE WE CURRENTLY HAVE --

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD BE A LOSS.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE THE FLOOR, MR. CHAIRMAN. CURRENTLY HOW
18 MUCH REVENUE DO WE CURRENTLY HAVE THAT IS NOT BEING SPENT?

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20 **RUSS GUINEY:** WE HAVE 152 MILLION DOLLARS OF THAT 20 MILLION IS
21 COMMITTED TO PROJECTS. SO IT'S IN THE PIPELINE. WE HAVE 134
22 MILLION REMAINING. AND AT THE PRESENT RATE, YOUR BOARD
23 ALLOCATES 55 MILLION EACH YEAR. SO IN TWO YEARS, THAT MONEY
24 WILL PRETTY OF ALL BE GONE. AND IF WE DON'T APPROVE A MEASURE



1 IN THIS BALLOT, WE'LL HAVE TWO YEARS OF NO INCOME FOR A LOSS
2 OF OVER \$104 MILLION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE HAVE IN SURPLUS
5 RIGHT NOW THAT HAS NOT BEEN SPENT?

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7 **RUSS GUINEY:** WE ONLY HAVE 134 MILLION THAT HASN'T BEEN
8 COMMITTED. BUT AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING, THAT WILL BE COMMITTED
9 IN TWO YEARS.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE THAT WE COULD DO WHAT
12 IS NECESSARY AND WHAT WE DID NOT DO WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT'S
13 BEFORE US TODAY BECAUSE THIS WAS REALLY DEVELOPED IN THE HEAT
14 OF THE NIGHT. WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH DID WE DO WITH MUNICIPAL
15 PARK DEPARTMENTS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR NEEDS AND GET THEIR
16 SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSAL TODAY?

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18 **RUSS GUINEY:** GIVEN THE TIME CONSTRAINTS THAT WE HAVE, THERE
19 HASN'T BEEN THAT COMMUNICATION. BUT WE TRIED TO CRAFT THE
20 PRESENT MEASURE TO MIRROR THE ONE THAT'S IN PLACE, WHICH THE
21 CITIES AND OTHER PARK AGENCIES HAVE ENJOYED FUNDING FROM AND
22 HAVE HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FORMULA OR THE FUNDING THAT'S
23 COME THROUGH YOUR BOARD AND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD.
24 SO WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO JUST CONTINUE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE
25 AREAS THAT WE HAVE FOR FUNDING SO THE FUNDING SOUCES FOR



1 CITIES, CONSERVANCIES, OTHER PARK AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY WOULD
2 CONTINUE PRETTY OF UNINTERRUPTED.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST THROW THAT IN. THE CITIES ARE AWARE
5 OF IT BECAUSE THE CITIES WROTE US LETTERS ASKING US TO PUT IT
6 ON THE BALLOT.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG DID IT TAKE TO FORMULATE THE 1992
9 PROPOSITION? AND WHICH MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH THE VARIOUS
10 STAKEHOLDERS?

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12 **RUSS GUINEY:** I, PERSONALLY, WASN'T HERE AT THAT TIME,
13 SUPERVISOR. I'M NOT SURE, JANE, DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA?

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15 **JANE BEASLEY:** IT TOOK ROUGHLY TWO YEARS TO PUT IT TOGETHER.
16 THEY MET WITH ALL 88 CITIES AND OTHER PARK AGENCIES.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE WAS AN EXTENSIVE OUTREACH IN '92,
19 WHICH WAS NOT DONE IN THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS BASICALLY
20 DEVELOPED IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT. WHAT STUDIES HAD BEEN DONE
21 ON THE COUNTY'S CURRENT PARK NEEDS?

22

23 **JANE BEASLEY:** THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT STUDIES. THERE'S UNMET
24 NEED ACROSS ALL THE CITIES AS WELL AS COUNTY D.P.R. AND THEY
25 ALL HAVE LISTS OF WHAT IS THE UNMET NEEDS. THOSE ARE I THINK



1 COUNTY D.P.R. AS RUSS SAID EARLIER 800 MILLION. AND THE CITIES
2 HAVE LIKELY THE SAME TYPE OF DOLLARS IN NEED OF PARKS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE 1992 MEASURE WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND
5 WHILE A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH AND COLLABORATION HAD GONE INTO
6 THE WRITING OF THAT PROPOSITION. AND IN JUST A FEW YEARS, IT
7 WAS REALIZED THAT IT WAS NOT SUFFICIENT IN FUNDING. SO IN '96,
8 THE VOTERS APPROVED A SECOND ASSESSMENT, WHICH WAS TO
9 SUPPLEMENT THE FUNDING OF THE ORIGINAL PROPOSITION, WHICH DOES
10 NOT EXPIRE UNTIL 2018. WITH \$154 MILLION IN UNALLOCATED FUNDS
11 IN THE EXISTING PROPOSITION A BANK ACCOUNT, THE NEW TAX IS
12 BEING RUSHED TO THE VOTERS. WE HAVE ANOTHER ELECTION IN 2016.
13 THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME TO CONDUCT OUTREACH AND DO IT THE RIGHT
14 WAY, AS WE DID IN '92. AND A FULL TWO YEARS AHEAD OF THE 2018
15 DEADLINE WHEN THE EXISTING TAX EXPIRES. WE HAVE TWO TO FOUR
16 YEARS RESEARCH THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO PUT TOGETHER SO THAT
17 WE WOULD HAVE ONE COMPREHENSIVE MEASURE, HAVE ONE TAX ON THE
18 BALLOT, ONE PARK TAX INSTEAD OF HAVING TWO RIGHT NOW. WITH TWO
19 DAYS' NOTICE AND NO PUBLIC OUTREACH, WE ARE IMPOSSIBLY PLACING
20 A HALF-BAKED TAX ON THE BALLOT THAT IMPACTS TAXPAYERS' WALLETS
21 FOR 30 YEARS, COSTING \$1.6 BILLION. UNTIL 2018, THE 1996
22 PROPOSITION CONTINUES TO GENERATE OVER \$28 MILLION A YEAR.
23 THERE'S ALSO CURRENTLY OVER \$150 MILLION IN EXISTING PROP A
24 FUNDS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOCATED. ON TOP OF THAT, THERE'S
25 ANOTHER \$150 MILLION COMMITTED BUT NOT YET SPENT. THERE'S OVER



1 \$12 BILLION THAT CANNOT BE USED WITHOUT LEGISLATION BECAUSE
2 THE ORIGINAL PROPOSITION SET ASIDE FUNDS FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE
3 NO LONGER VIABLE. WITH LEGISLATION THOSE FUNDS WOULD BE
4 REDIRECTED TO OTHER PARK PROJECTS. ADDITIONALLY, THREE OF OUR
5 CITIES, PALMDALE, SANTA CLARITA AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
6 HAVE THEIR OWN CITY PARK TAXES. THE ORIGINAL PROPOSITION A
7 THAT PASSED IN '92 WAS BASED ON A GREAT DEAL, AGAIN, OF
8 RESEARCH AND COLLABORATION AMONG ALL OF OUR CITIES,
9 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AND THOSE BEING SERVED WITH
10 SPECIFIC PROJECTS BEING NAMED GUARANTEEING EQUITABLE
11 DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY PARKS WHICH
12 ARE A VITAL COMPONENT TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL
13 OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS, HOWEVER THE VOTERS SHOULD NOT BE
14 TAXED AGAIN UNTIL THERE IS A PLAN TO SPEND ALL OF THE
15 ALLOCATED REVENUES IN A PROPOSAL SPECIFYING THE NEED FOR
16 ADDITIONAL REVENUE. WE HAVE MONEY TO BE SPENT. WE NEED TO HAVE
17 AN EXTENSIVE OUTREACH SO IN 2016 WE WILL HAVE ON THE BALLOT A
18 PROPOSITION RELATIVE TO MEETING PARK NEEDS FOR THOSE NEEDS
19 THAT ARE BEING MET THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY BEING MET IN THE
20 PROPOSAL THAT WE ARE HAVING BEFORE US TODAY THAT IS TO
21 CONTINUE TO TAX FOR 30 MORE YEARS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES. ON
3 THE MATTER BEFORE US THAT'S CURRENTLY PROPOSED, I WOULD SIMPLY
4 SAY THE FOLLOWING. THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, YOUTH, SENIOR,
5 RECREATION, BEACHES, WILDLIFE PROTECTION MEASURE WOULD ENSURE
6 CONTINUED GRANTS TO COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIES AND NONPROFIT
7 ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE CREATION, RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
8 PARK AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES. NOW, HISTORICALLY, THE VOTERS HAVE SUPPORTED MEASURES
10 TO INCREASE GREEN AND RECREATIONAL SPACE, AND LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY RECREATIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT HAS
12 TRANSPARENTLY AND PROFESSIONALLY ALLOCATED OVER A BILLION
13 DOLLARS OF FUNDS FOR THIS INTENDED PURPOSE. THAT IS TO BE
14 APPLAUDED. AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOW CONTEMPLATES ASKING
15 THE VOTERS TO CONSIDER A 30-YEAR CONTINUATION OF THIS FUNDING
16 PROGRAM. THE BOARD MUST ENSURE THAT THE FORMULA FOR THE
17 DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FUNDS NOT ONLY REFLECTS THE EVOLVING
18 NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES BUT ALSO PROVIDES ENOUGH
19 FLEXIBILITY FOR FUTURE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO DIRECT
20 RESOURCES APPROPRIATELY. FIRSTLY, A SUBSTANTIAL ADEQUATE
21 ALLOCATION SHOULD BE INVESTED IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. THE
22 COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROPOSES A GOAL OF 4 ACRES OF
23 PARK LAND FOR EVERY 1,000 RESIDENTS. HOWEVER, MANY COMMUNITIES
24 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY DO NOT MEET THIS GOAL. DISPARITIES IN
25 PARK DISTRIBUTIONS ARE PARTICULARLY EVIDENT IN LOW-INCOME



1 AREAS. HIGH PARK ACREAGE WITHIN A COMMUNITY IS ASSOCIATED WITH
2 INCREASED PARTICIPATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MORE
3 POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR SURROUNDING RESIDENTS. THIS IS A
4 MATTER OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, WELLNESS AND THE LIKE; IT IS NOT
5 SIMPLY A MATTER OF RECREATION ALONE. ADDITIONALLY, THIS
6 FUNDING MEASURE MUST STEADFASTLY DEDICATE RESOURCES TO
7 ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC HEALTH DISPARITIES WHICH HAS BEEN AN
8 IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE ARTICULATED AGENDA OF PARKS AND
9 RECREATION, NOT ONLY CREATING RECREATION BUT HEALTH, WELLNESS
10 AND FITNESS. OUR DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
11 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A STAUNCH ADVOCATE FOR THAT BOTH PUBLICLY
12 AND PRIVATELY. AND, SECONDLY, THE BOARD AS PRESENTLY COMPRISED
13 SHOULD NOT TIE OUR FUTURE BOARD TO A DIVIDE BY FIVE FORMULA.
14 LET ME REPEAT THAT. THIS BOARD SHOULD NOT TIE FUTURE BOARDS TO
15 A LOCKED-IN DIVIDE BY FIVE FORMULA. IT FORCES THE FUNDS TO BE
16 SPENT IN THE MANNER THAT DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
17 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS, CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS AND OTHER
18 FACTORS. THIS DECISION AS CURRENTLY CONSTITUTED WOULD BE PRE-
19 EMPTIVE IN THAT REGARD. AND WHILE THE 1996 MEASURE PROVIDES
20 THE BOARD WITH DIRECTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS EQUALLY BY DISTRICT
21 SOLELY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS, NEITHER THE
22 1992 NOR THE 1996 MEASURES GENERALLY DIRECTED THE BOARD TO
23 IMPLEMENT A DIVIDE BY 5 METHODOLOGY. THE CURRENT BOARD SHOULD
24 PROVIDE FUTURE BOARDS WITH THE SAME FLEXIBILITY AND AUTHORITY.
25 IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT IS HOW THE MATTER WOULD COME



1 TO US. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT HAS BEEN CHANGED. AND, THEREFORE, I
2 FIND IT HUGELY PROBLEMATIC. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT WE DIRECT
3 COUNTY COUNSEL TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS TO SECTION 5
4 AND 6 OF THE PROPOSED SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS YOUTH, SENIOR
5 RECREATION, BEACHES, WILDLIFE PROTECTION MEASURE. FIRST, IT
6 WOULD BE THE EXPENDITURE PLAN THAT IS ARTICULATED AS TO WHAT
7 SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE INTEREST OF A MORE EQUITABLE
8 DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES, 20 PERCENT RATHER THAN 30 PERCENT
9 OF THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY FOR REGIONAL
10 PARKS AND FOR OPEN SPACE, FOOTHILL MOUNTAIN, TRAIL RIVER,
11 WETLAND AND STREAMS PROJECT; AND 20 RATHER THAN 10 OF THE
12 PROCEEDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY'S PROJECTS THAT
13 INCREASE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN
14 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. I SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF EQUITY, OR
15 THAT WHICH IS EQUITABLE IN THAT REGARD. SECTION 6, THEN, I
16 PROPOSE THAT WE STRIKE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, THE LAST
17 PORTION WHICH IS BOLD AND STRUCK OUT HERE, THE FUNDS
18 IDENTIFIED IN THE SUBSECTIONS INDICATED, SHALL BE AWARDED AT
19 THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
20 PROVISIONS TO THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR
21 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PURSUANT TO THE SPECIFIED LANGUAGE IN ORDER
22 DESCRIBED IN THE SECTION IN ORDER OF 1996 RESPECTIVELY. THOSE
23 WOULD BE MY AMENDMENTS TO THE MATTER, MR. CHAIRMAN. I THINK IF
24 WE WERE TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE THINGS, WE CAN MOVE



1 FORWARD WITH MY SUPPORT; OTHERWISE, I WOULD FIND IT VERY
2 DIFFICULT SUPPORTING THE MATTER AS IT IS BEFORE US.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT? THAT
5 PARTICULAR AMENDMENT, THEN, DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND. THE
6 MAIN ITEM IS BEFORE US. YES?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST SPEAK TO THIS BRIEFLY. THIS HAS
9 BEEN DISCUSSED FOR MONTHS. NOT ONLY WITHIN THE COUNTY FAMILY,
10 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND YOUR EFFORTS
11 TO WORK WITH OUR OFFICES. BUT ALSO WITH COMMUNITY
12 ORGANIZATIONS, CITIES THAT HAVE CONTACTED MY OFFICE AS THEY
13 HAVE OTHERS. AND WE'RE IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION BUT ALSO
14 IN AN ENVIABLE POSITION. THE DIFFICULT POSITION IS THE PROP A
15 FROM 1992, WHICH RAISES TWICE AS MUCH MONEY AS PROP A OF 1996
16 AND WHICH HAS BEEN LIBERALLY USED BY EVERY DISTRICT IN THIS
17 COUNTY AFTER WHOM PARKS HAVE BEEN NAMED AFTER THOSE VERY
18 MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN, WHOSE DISTRICTS HAVE BENEFITED FROM
19 THIS. THOSE PROJECTS, THAT MEASURE, PROP A '92 IS SET TO
20 EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. THAT MEANS THAT A
21 REVENUE STREAM WHICH CITIES, THE COUNTY ITSELF, AND THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WHICH GETS SOME
23 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TAKEN CARE OF THROUGH THE MEASURE, WILL
24 BE LOST FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS, ASSUMING THERE IS A MEASURE IN
25 2016 AND ASSUMING IT PASSES. THAT IS THE CHALLENGE THAT WE



1 FACE. THE ENVIABLE POSITION THAT WE'RE IN IS THAT A LOT OF
2 WORK HAS BEEN DONE OVER THE YEARS ON THESE TWO MEASURES, PROP
3 A '92 AND PROP A '96. A LOT OF WORK WAS DONE WITH OUR CITIES,
4 WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS, WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES AROUND THE COUNTY
5 AND WITHIN THE COUNTY FAMILY ITSELF. WE DON'T NEED TO REINVENT
6 THE WHEEL. WE CAN BUILD ON WHAT WAS DONE THEN AND ESSENTIALLY
7 CONTINUE, WHICH IS WHAT THIS IS; IT'S A CONTINUATION OF AN
8 EXISTING MEASURE THAT EXPIRES IN JUNE. WE'VE DONE THIS BEFORE
9 WHEN MEASURES WERE SET TO EXPIRE. WE TRY TO MIRROR AS OF AS
10 POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY WITHIN THE LAW OF WHAT WE CAN DO. AND
11 THAT'S WHAT HAS BEEN DONE HERE. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A
12 CONTINUATION OF THE MEASURE THAT WE'VE HAD SINCE 1992. THAT'S
13 22 YEARS. AND IT'S PATTERNED AFTER THAT ONE AND ALSO AFTER
14 MEASURE A OF 1996, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ALSO IN 2019. WE NEED TO
15 DO THIS IF WE WANT TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING. NOT EVERY
16 DISTRICT HAS SPENT EXACTLY THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY. THERE ARE
17 REASONS FOR THAT, I'M SURE. YOU DON'T JUST SPEND ALL THE MONEY
18 YOU HAVE IN ONE YEAR. YOU WANT TO SOMETIMES AMALGAMATE MONEY
19 TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS. YOU DON'T BUILD A BIG PARK IN
20 ONE YEAR. YOU BUILD IT OVER TIME. AND CERTAINLY THAT'S BEEN
21 THE CASE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND IN THE THIRD DISTRICT AND
22 THE FIRST DISTRICT AND THE FOURTH DISTRICT AND ESPECIALLY THE
23 FIFTH DISTRICT WHERE A LOT OF MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT AND A LOT
24 OF MONEY HAS BEEN UNSPENT. THAT'S NOT A CRITICISM. THEY'VE GOT
25 BIG IDEAS AND BIG PROJECTS IN MIND. AND THEY OUGHT TO HAVE THE



1 FLEXIBILITY TO AMALGAMATE THE NECESSARY REVENUE, THE NECESSARY
2 FUNDING TO DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO. AND THAT'S THE LONG AND
3 THE SHORT OF IT. WE COULD SPEND ANOTHER YEAR AND A HALF
4 GETTING OURSELVES INTO PRETZELS OVER THESE THINGS, OR WE CAN
5 BUILD ON WHAT WE'VE GOT GOING. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
6 OFFICES, A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS AND A NUMBER OF COUNTY-WIDE
7 PROJECTS THAT ARE DEPENDING ON THE CONTINUING FLOW OF REVENUES
8 FROM THIS MEASURE. WE DID PUT IN A 10 PERCENT, SOMETHING WE
9 DID NOT HAVE IN THE LAST MEASURE, AND IT CAME OUT OF THE
10 MULTITUDE OF MEETINGS THAT TOOK PLACE AMONG STAFF AND
11 STAKEHOLDERS. THERE WAS A 10 PERCENT SET ASIDE FOR UNDERSERVED
12 AREAS. AND BY THE WAY, THE OTHER MONIES THAT ARE IN THERE, THE
13 OTHER CATEGORIES DON'T PRECLUDE THOSE CATEGORIES FROM BEING
14 USED FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. SO THE 10 PERCENT IS
15 EARMARKED FOR UNSERVED COMMUNITIES, BUT THE 30 PERCENT OF
16 COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS AND 20 PERCENT OF OTHER CITY PROJECTS
17 COULD ALL BE USED IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, FOR UNDERSERVED
18 COMMUNITIES, IS THAT CORRECT?

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20 **RUSS GUINEY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT WE'VE DONE HERE IS WE'VE ACTUALLY
23 EARMARKED 10 PERCENT FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. AND I WOULD
24 REMIND EVERYBODY THAT THERE ARE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN



1 EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THEY DON'T JUST BELONG TO ONE
2 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT TO ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. AND THAT
7 FLEXIBILITY NEEDS -- THAT IS TAKEN CARE OF IN THIS MEASURE.
8 AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT, AS WE HAVE DONE, AS OTHER SUPERVISORS
9 HAVE DONE, IF YOU WANT TO SPEND MONEY THAT ISN'T EARMARKED FOR
10 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES OR FOR
11 PARKS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS, THAT CERTAINLY IS NOT PRECLUDED;
12 IT IS PERMITTED. AND WE HAVE DONE IT ON MANY OCCASIONS, ALL OF
13 US HAVE DONE IT. SO WITH THAT I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.
14 IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO GET THIS PASSED IN THIS ELECTION
15 YEAR. THE TURNOUT'S GOING TO BE LOW. BUT IT IS A CONTINUATION.
16 I THINK PEOPLE, THE PUBLIC HAS BENEFITED FROM THIS. THEY LIKE
17 THE PARKS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT. THEY LIKE THE RECREATION
18 OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. I DON'T THINK THEY WANT
19 TO SEE THIS COME TO A GRINDING HALT ON JUNE 30TH OF THIS
20 COMING YEAR. AND I -- OH. IF I CAN, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE NEED TO
21 ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO MAKE THE CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS THAT
22 YOU CAN EXPLAIN.

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24 **COUNSEL:** YES. LAST NIGHT THERE WERE MINOR.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TURN ON YOUR MIC.

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3 **COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, THERE WERE MINOR REVISIONS MADE TO THE
4 RESOLUTION. I BELIEVE THERE IS A REVISED VERSION AVAILABLE.
5 THOSE CHANGES ARE ON PAGE 2, DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS
6 BEEN CHANGED FROM JULY 29TH TO AUGUST 5TH, TODAY. ON PAGE 5,
7 SECTION 5 B, THE WORD "COUNTY" HAS BEEN ADDED BEFORE PARKS TO
8 MAKE CLEAR THAT THE 15 PERCENT ALLOCATION IN THAT SECTION IS
9 FOR COUNTY PROJECTS. ON PAGE 6, SECTION 6 IT HAS BEEN
10 CLARIFIED THAT FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY UNDER SECTION 5 C,
11 REGIONAL AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS AND, D, PROJECTS IN
12 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES MAY BE GRANTED TO CITIES AND OTHER
13 PARK AGENCIES. AND ON PAGE 14, REFERENCE HAS BEEN ADDED IN THE
14 BALLOT MEASURE ITSELF TO ASSIST IN GANG PREVENTION.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THOSE ARE ALL AMENDMENTS THAT EITHER
17 CLARIFY, MAKE THE DOCUMENT INTERNALLY CONSISTENT DATE-WISE AND
18 CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUS MEASURES IN THE MOTION.

19

20 **COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN ANY OF THIS?

23

24 **COUNSEL:** NO. THEY ARE CLARIFICATIONS.

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1 **SUP YAROSLAVSKY:** CLARIFICATIONS. I MOVE THE MATTER AS AMENDED.
2 WE HAVE THAT DOCUMENT BEFORE US NOW. I THINK IT'S BEEN
3 DISTRIBUTED, CORRECT?

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5 **COUNSEL:** YES.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED BY THE LATEST
8 VERSION BY PROVIDED THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL SECOND THAT. WE DO HAVE SOME
11 PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN? IS THIS A FLAT \$23 FEE?

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15 **COUNSEL:** IT IS FLAT PER PARCEL.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING, THE 1992 ASSESSMENT
18 RANGES FROM 3 CENTS TO \$10,000.

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20 **COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT. THE 1992 AND 1996 MEASURES WERE
21 ASSESSMENTS. THIS IS A SPECIAL TAX. IT IS A FLAT \$23 PER
22 PARCEL TAX ON REAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO A SENIOR CITIZEN ON A FIXED INCOME WILL BE
25 CHARGED THE SAME \$23 AS A MAJOR CORPORATION WILL BE CHARGED.



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2 **COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT, PER PARCEL.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE IN '92, IT WENT FROM 3 CENTS TO
5 \$10,000.

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7 **COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT. IT WAS A MORE COMPLICATED FORMULA.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE INCREASING THE ASSESSMENT FOR
10 SENIORS AND OTHERS WHO WERE PAYING LESS THAN \$23, INCLUDING
11 THOSE WHO WERE PAYING 3 CENTS?

12

13 **COUNSEL:** IT DEPENDS ON HOW THE FORMULA WAS APPLIED TO THEIR
14 PARTICULAR PARCELS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WASN'T JUST 3 CENTS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOME WERE 3 CENTS.

19

20 **COUNSEL:** SIR, THERE IS A PROVISION IN THE RESOLUTION FOR AN
21 APPEALS PROCESS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL CREATE. AND ALL OTHER
22 EXEMPTIONS THAT APPLY TO REAL PROPERTY TAXES WOULD APPLY TO
23 THIS SPECIAL TAX.

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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** MR. CHAIR, IF I MIGHT. THE 3 CENTS AND THE SMALL
2 AMOUNTS ARE FOR VACANT PROPERTY. THE AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL
3 PARCEL OF 1992 IS \$13 AND THAT PORTION WOULD GO TO \$23.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I COULD JUST ADD, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WE
6 WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO DO IT WITH THE FORMULA AS IT WAS BUT
7 THAT IS NO LONGER PERMITTED BY STATE LAW.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME JUST QUICKLY SAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, IT
10 IS MY CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT THE MATTER OF THE 20 PERCENT
11 ALLOCATION FOR QUOTE UNQUOTE "LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES" IS
12 APPROPRIATE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES
13 EXIST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. NOT BECAUSE IT
14 EXISTS IN ONE GIVEN AREA OR DISTRICT. THAT MAKES THE ARGUMENT
15 FOR MORE RATHER THAN LESS, IN MY VIEW. THE SECOND POINT I WISH
16 TO MAKE IS THAT MY OFFICE WAS UNDER THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION
17 THAT THE DIVIDE BY FIVE PROVISION HAD BEEN APPROPRIATELY
18 AMENDED. AND ON THAT BASIS, WE WERE PREPARED TO PROCEED. BUT
19 WE LEARNED JUST YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE, THAT THAT HAD BEEN
20 CHANGED. INCONSISTENT WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT WAS
21 ARTICULATED IN THE AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN MADE. THEREFORE, I
22 CONSIDER THAT TO BE A PROBLEM. THIS IS NOT A SMALL ISSUE. WE
23 CHOOSE NOT TO HANDCUFF FUTURE BOARDS. I THINK TO DO SO IS AN
24 OVERREACH. A LOT OF GOOD HAS BEEN DONE, BUT A LOT MORE GOOD
25 CAN BE DONE WITH THIS MEASURE. HOWEVER, IT NEEDS TO BE DONE



1 FAIRLY AND/OR EQUITABLY. AND I WISH TO SAY THAT THAT WHICH
2 COULD BE DONE IS BEING OVERLOOKED OR BALKED ON IN THIS
3 INSTANCE. THE MOTION THAT I BROUGHT FORWARD OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T
4 GARNER A SECOND. I RESPECT THE OPINIONS OF MY COLLEAGUES, AND
5 I CERTAINLY TRUST THAT THEY WILL RESPECT MY OPINION AND VOTE,
6 AS BELL.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. MEASURE B, WHICH
15 WAS THE COUNTY'S TRAUMA TAX PASSED AFTER PROPOSITION 218. SO
16 THIS WAS AFTER 218. AND IT AUTHORIZED A 3-CENT PER SQUARE FOOT
17 PARCEL TAX ON RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. SO WE HAD
18 A TIERED ASSESSMENT AS POSSIBLE AT THAT TIME.

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20 **COUNSEL:** YES.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE 1992 MEASURE WAS A FIRST OF ITS KIND
23 WHILE A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH WENT INTO WRITING THAT
24 PROPOSITION. SO WE COULD DO SOMETHING COMPARABLE FOR ALSO WHAT
25 IS BEING DISCUSSED TODAY?



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COUNSEL: YES, SUPERVISOR, YOU COULD CREATE A FORMULA FOR A PARCEL TAX.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: SO IF THE PERSON WAS GETTING 3-CENT TAX COULD REMAIN AT 3 CENTS INSTEAD OF GOING UP TO \$23.

SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: YOU CAN'T DO IT BY LAW ANYMORE, YOU SAY.

COUNSEL: THERE IS A DIFFERENT PROCESS FOR HOW THE 1992/1996 ASSESSMENTS WERE APPROVED IN REGARD TO A SPECIAL TAX. YOU ARE CORRECT THAT THERE COULD BE A FORMULA. THIS IS NOT A FORMULA. THIS IS A FLAT TAX.

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU.

SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: OKAY. WE DO HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT. RAMIRO DE SANTIAGO. DANIEL VILLALOBOS. ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN.

COUNSEL: CHAIRMAN KNABE, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING. THERE IS A PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT BEFORE APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM. SO THIS IS NOT PUBLIC COMMENT. IT'S PUBLIC HEARING.



1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC HEARING, YOU GOT IT.

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3 **COUNSEL:** THAT NEEDS TO BE OCCUR BEFORE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC HEARING, YOU GOT IT, THANK YOU,
6 MY MISTAKE. CALLING UP FOLKS THAT SIGNED UP FOR THE PUBLIC
7 HEARING. IS THAT OKAY?

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9 **COUNSEL:** YES.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS. GO AHEAD.

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13 **DANIEL VILLALOBOS:** MY NAME IS DANIEL VILLALOBOS. I'M HERE HERE
14 TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSITION TO CONTINUE PROPOSITION A. MANY
15 COMMUNITIES HAVE WITNESSED SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROJECTS
16 THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEARS WHICH HAS THE AVAILABLE OPEN SPACES.
17 SAVE OPEN SPACES FOR CHILDREN TO HAVE A RICHER UPBRINGING WITH
18 MORE NATURE AROUND THEM, MORE PARKS. AND ALSO THIS HAS CREATED
19 MULTIPLE JOBS FOR YOUTH AND ALSO OPPORTUNITIES, PROFESSIONAL
20 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS THAT WANT TO GIVE
21 BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, THAT WANT TO PUT THEIR EDUCATION TO A
22 GOOD PURPOSE AND A GOOD CAUSE. A DELAY TO THIS PROPOSITION
23 WILL MEAN TO INTERRUPT THAT SUCCESSFUL PROCESS. AND IT WILL
24 JEOPARDIZE THE POSITIVE MOMENTUM AND THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY
25 THAT WE HAVE TO PROJECT LOS ANGELES AS A GREEN CITY, AS A



1 GREEN COMMUNITY THAT UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF
2 ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PARKS, SPACES AND ALSO TO CREATE A
3 SUCCESSFUL NETWORK OF RIVERS THAT COMPARES TO THE GREAT
4 CITIES, THE GREAT EUROPEAN CITIES AS PARIS, SUCH AS CITIES IN
5 THE EAST COAST. THEREFORE, I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

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7 **RAMIRO DE SANTIAGO:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
8 NAME IS RAMIRO DE SANTIAGO. I WORK WITH AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS, AS
9 WELL. I MANAGE PROJECTS THAT ENTAIL A MULTITUDE OF BENEFICIAL
10 WORKS FOR THE COMMUNITIES SUCH AS TREE PLANTING, BUILDING OF
11 NATURE TRAILS THAT INCLUDE BIO SWALES FOR GROUND WATER
12 INFILTRATION, INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE INSTALLATION. WE HAVE HAD
13 THE BENEFIT OF PARTNERING WITH THE FIFTH AND FIRST DISTRICT ON
14 PROJECTS LIKE THESE AND I HAVE FIRSTHAND SEEN THE BENEFITS OF
15 BOTH HEALTH, EDUCATION, RECREATION. THERE'S JUST SO MANY
16 BENEFITS THAT COME WITH CONTINUING THIS KIND OF WORK. I URGE
17 YOU TO APPROVE THE EXISTING MOTION. AS THIS PROPOSAL WILL
18 PROVIDE CRITICAL FUNDS TO CONTINUE BUILDING KEY RECREATIONAL
19 RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE PARK-DEFICIT OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK
20 YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
25 DISTRICT 3. YOU KNOW, PROP A MONEY IS A VERY INTERESTING



1 SUBJECT. MOST RESIDENTS ABSOLUTELY APPRECIATE AND SUPPORT THE
2 IDEA OF THIS INITIATIVE. I MEAN, EVERYTHING ON THE LIST FROM
3 SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, YOUTH, SENIOR RECREATION, BEACH, WILDLIFE.
4 I MEAN THIS IS THE HAPPY, SMILEY SIDE OF L.A. COUNTY.
5 OBVIOUSLY WE APPRECIATE THAT AND WANT THAT. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK
6 AT THE NUMBERS, IT'S DISTURBING. AND THE FACT THAT IT COMES TO
7 US THIS LATE IN THE GAME IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. THE IDEA
8 THAT THIS IS A SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM? AND I BELIEVE IT WAS
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WHO IS NOW SPEAKING TO HIS COLLEAGUE
10 WHO DOES SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF EQUITY, AS HE POINTED OUT
11 TODAY. BUT THE IDEA THAT WE ARE SPENDING THIS MONEY WITHOUT
12 ANY REAL SPECIFICATION GOING FORWARD. AND THE TRUTH IS, FOR
13 EXAMPLE, THE JOHN ANSON FORD THEATER PROJECT WHICH IS
14 CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND HAS USED SOME OF THIS MONEY, THERE WAS
15 NO MEETING. THERE WAS A VERY TINY LITTLE DISCUSSION. AND NOW
16 WE'RE EARMARKING, THE TIMES REPORTS, 30 MILLION. BUT IT'S
17 SUBSTANTIALLY MORE TO BUILD OUT A THEATER IN THE THIRD
18 DISTRICT OPPOSITE THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT
19 EQUITY, I MEAN THIS IS THE HEART OF HOLLYWOOD WHERE THERE ARE
20 HUNDREDS OF THEATERS. SO IT WILL BE BUILDING OUT A GIANT JOHN
21 ANSON FORD PROGRAM MAY, IN FACT, NOT BE IN THE PUBLIC'S
22 INTEREST WHEN YOU LOOK AT A \$10 MILLION CHARGE TO PUT UP A
23 SWIMMING POOL IN A PARK, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS DID
24 RECENTLY IN HIS DISTRICT AND OTHERS HAVE DONE. I FEEL THAT
25 THIS NEEDS TO BE SLOWED DOWN SO THAT WE CAN INCREASE THE



1 AMOUNT OF MONEY AND MAKE IT APPROPRIATE TO THE JURISDICTIONS
2 THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS AS OPPOSED TO A CLOSED KIND OF
3 LET'S BRING IT OUT INTO THE MEDIA ON THE DAY THAT EVERYBODY
4 HAS COME DOWN TO BE UPSET ABOUT A GIANT JAIL EXPANSION THAT WE
5 DON'T WANT OR NEED THAT IS GOING TO COST BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.
6 IF YOU LOOK AT THE \$23 PER PARCEL. AND IMAGINE, I THINK MAYOR
7 ANTONOVICH DID A CALCULATION FOR US. OVER 30 YEARS, THAT WOULD
8 BE \$1.6 BILLION. SO THIS IS AN OUTRAGE. AND WE NEED TO SLOW IT
9 DOWN AND SET THE RIGHT IDEAS FORWARD.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT HERE, THIS IS
12 NOT TO SPEND ANY MONEY. THIS IS TO PUT SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT
13 AND LET THE VOTERS DECIDE. NOT US DECIDE. THANK YOU.

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15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S RIGHT, BUT WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE
16 DECIDING.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WILL.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS. I
21 APPRECIATE THE COUNTY COUNSEL DOING ALL THIS CLARIFICATION. IT
22 WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT IF YOU HAD CLARIFIED THE GREEN SHEET.
23 THIS ITEM READS "THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, YOUTH, SENIOR,
24 RECREATION, BEACH WILDLIFE PROTECTION MEASURE." IT DOESN'T
25 MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THE BALLOT MEASURES OF '92 AND '96. BUT



1 SAYING THAT, '92, \$53 MILLION. YOU KNOW THIS ITEM THAT YOU
2 HANDED OUT, THIS INFORMATION PACKET ABOUT THE WHITTIER OIL
3 FIELD MENTIONED THAT '92 ASSESSMENT 12.50 PER SINGLE-FAMILY
4 DETACHED RESIDENCE AND IN YOUR MOTION IT MENTIONS \$23.
5 BASICALLY YOU'RE GETTING \$121 MILLION A YEAR SINCE 1996. I'M
6 THINKING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING?
7 I'M THINKING MEASURE R FUNDS, TOO, THAT WAS A TAX. REMEMBER
8 THAT ONE? IT'S STILL GOING ON. A BILLION DOLLARS SALES TAX.
9 HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THAT NUMBER AGAIN? YOU WENT FROM
10 \$740,000 A YEAR TO OVER A BILLION-3 A YEAR IN SALES TAX
11 REVENUE. MUST BE MAGIC. I'M THINKING -- I'M THINKING, THAT'S
12 DANGEROUS, TOO, BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT -- DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M
13 THINKING? THAT THE PROP A, IT MENTIONS BEACH AND WILDLIFE
14 PROTECTION. I BET THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE CITY
15 AND IN THE COUNTY AREAS THAT CAN'T GET TO THE BEACH BECAUSE
16 THERE'S NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. YOU KNOW, YOU MENTIONED THE
17 SHUTTLE TO M.L.K. HOSPITAL. WHY DID M.T.A. CUT SERVICE TO THE
18 COUNTY BEACHES? PEOPLE ARE PAYING FOR IT WITH THIS PROP. BUT
19 THEY'RE NOT GETTING THE SERVICE. AND THEN THE LANGUAGE OF
20 EQUITY THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS SPEAKS. 1 PLUS 1 = 1. THAT'S
21 THE LANGUAGE OF EQUITY. THAT'S THE LANGUAGE THE BOARD SPECS
22 BECAUSE THAT'S THE LANGUAGE THEY KNOW. YOU FIGURE THAT OUT,
23 YOU'LL GET AN ANSWER.
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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANSWER, THANK
2 YOU. OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.
3 OH, EXCUSE ME. I HAVE ONE MORE LAST-MINUTE SIGNUP. MARY BETH
4 RIGARA. REOPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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6 **MARYBETH VERGARA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY MAE IS MARYBETH VERGARA
7 AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
8 ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. ON BEHALF OF THE
9 R.M.C., I'M HERE TO LEND SUPPORT FOR THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
10 PARKS, YOUTH AND RECREATION BEACHES WILD LIFE PROTECTION
11 MEASURE ALSO KNOWN AS PROPOSITION A. THE R.M.C. IS ONE OF NINE
12 STATEWIDE CONSERVANCIES CONSIDERED AN URBAN CONSERVANCY
13 BECAUSE OF THE LARGE TERRITORY WE COVER, INCLUDING 1,600
14 SQUARE MILES IN EASTERN L.A. COUNTY AND WESTERN ORANGE COUNTY.
15 WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF PROJECTS THAT FALL SPECIFICALLY WITHIN
16 OUR URBAN TARGET AREA AND ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION OF
17 THE R.M.C., WHICH IS TO PRESERVE OPEN SPACE AND HABITATS FOR
18 LOW IMPACT RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL USES, WILDLIFE HABITAT
19 PROTECTION, AND WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS. THE R.M.C. PRIMARILY
20 FUNDS PROJECTS USING STATE-RUN FUNDS HOWEVER WE ARE LOOKING
21 FORWARD TO BEING USED FUNDING PROVIDED THROUGH THIS MEASURE TO
22 BE USED AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN
23 COMPLETED THROUGHOUT VIRTUALLY EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
24 MOST RECENTLY INCLUDING PROJECTS WITHIN THE FIRST AND THE
25 SECOND DISTRICTS AS WELL AS THE FOURTH. WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF



1 THE PASSAGE OF THESE FUNDS WHICH WILL ALLOW PROJECTS TO
2 BENEFIT AREAS THAT DON'T HAVE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ACCESSIBLE,
3 ESPECIALLY WITHIN HIGH DENSITY POPULATION AREAS THROUGHOUT LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY AS WELL AS UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THANK YOU FOR
5 YOUR TIME TODAY. AND AGAIN WE LEND OUR SUPPORT AND LOOK
6 FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO COLLABORATE WITH YOUR OFFICES IF THIS
7 MEASURE MOVES FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THIS WILL BE OUR LAST
10 SPEAKER ON THE PUBLIC HEARING HERE. DEBORAH ENOS? OR ENNOS? I
11 APOLOGIZE IF I MISPRONOUNCE THE LAST NAME. DEBORAH, ARE YOU
12 STILL HERE? THANK YOU.

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14 **DEBORAH ENOS:** MY NAME IS DEBORAH ENOS, I REPRESENT THE
15 WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, I AM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER FOR THAT AGENCY. WE ARE A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY.
17 JOINT POWERS BETWEEN THE RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND
18 L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. WE HAVE BEEN A BENEFACTOR
19 OF PROP A FUNDS IN THE PAST FOR URBAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE,
20 INCLUDING TRAILS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS WITHIN HIGHLY
21 URBANIZED AREAS WITHIN OUR COUNTY. THOSE PARK PROJECTS ARE
22 LARGELY IN AREAS THAT ARE DIFFICULT OFTEN TO DEVELOP FOR OTHER
23 PURPOSES. AND WE'VE TAKEN ON THOSE PROJECTS AS A MEANS TO
24 BRING OPEN SPACE TO OUR UNDERSERVED AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY.
25 THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY BROADLY SUPPORTS YOUR



1 EFFORTS IN BRINGING PROP A FORWARD FOR THE PUBLIC TO VOTE ON
2 TO EXTEND THAT PROGRAM. WE ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING TO
3 COLLABORATE WITH THE REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
4 MOVING FORWARD AND WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR SUPPORT TO YOU
5 TODAY.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE WILL CLOSE THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING AND DO A ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR -- AND THIS IS ON
11 THE DOCUMENT THAT WAS THE AMENDED LANGUAGE --

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CLARIFYING LANGUAGE.

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15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CLARIFYING LANGUAGE. SUPERVISOR
16 MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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1 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AYE.

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3 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5 SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

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7 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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9 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: AYE. PASSES 3-2.

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11 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: MOTION CARRIES.

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13 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: MOTION CARRIES, IT WILL BE ON THE
14 BALLOT. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE SET ITEM, PLEASE.

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16 SUP. ANTONOVICH: I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION
17 OF ITEM 51 AND 11, IT'S THE SAME ITEM. AND THEN I'LL ASK MY
18 QUESTIONS AFTERWARDS.

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20 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: OKAY. I'LL SECOND THAT. WE WILL
21 RECONSIDER ITEM 51 AND 11. THEY'RE RELATED, RIGHT?

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23 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: YES, THEY ARE. AND ALSO, MR.
24 CHAIRMAN, ITEM NO. 22, IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE
25 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR



1 TWO WEEKS. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNDER CONSENT. IF WE
2 COULD HAVE RECONSIDERATION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RECONSIDER ITEM 22. SO ORDERED. AND WE
5 WILL CONTINUE THAT.

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** TWO WEEKS.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TWO WEEKS?

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS I BELIEVE
14 INDICATED OKAY TO ITEM NO. 2 TO CONTINUE IT ONE WEEK SO I'LL
15 WITHDRAW MY HOLD.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CONTINUE IT ONE WEEK.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ONE WEEK.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM
24 S-1. AND IT'S SET FOR 11 O'CLOCK. I'M GOING TO ASK RICHARD
25 DROOYAN AND MAX HUNTSMAN TO COME FORWARD, PLEASE. AND, AGAIN,



1 TO THE AUDIENCE. I KNOW EVERYONE, THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE, I
2 KNOW SOME ARE STILL THERE FOR SOME OTHER ITEMS, BUT THE
3 MAJORITY OF YOU ARE HERE FOR THIS PARTICULAR ITEM AND WE JUST
4 APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION. NO APPLAUSE, NO BOOING. NONE OF
5 THAT. EVERYBODY'S GOT THEIR RIGHT TO THEIR OPINION. AND WELL
6 GO FROM THERE. THANK YOU. OKAY. DROOYAN IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO
7 FIRST AND THEN MR. HUNTSMAN.

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9 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** LET ME SAY I'VE GIVEN A LOT OF THOUGHT TO
10 THIS ISSUE. AND I ALSO HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE AS A MEMBER OF
11 THE LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE
12 POLICE COMMISSION. ALSO HAVING BEEN THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE
13 JAIL COMMISSION AND INVOLVED IN THE WRITING OF THE REPORT AND
14 IN THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAD. AND WE HAD A NUMBER OF
15 RIGOROUS DISCUSSIONS OVER THIS ISSUE. ULTIMATELY, THE JAIL
16 COMMISSION'S CONCLUSION WAS: THERE SHOULD BE AN INSPECTOR
17 GENERAL. THAT INSPECTOR GENERAL SHOULD BE APPOINTED BY THIS
18 BOARD AND SHOULD REPORT TO THIS BOARD. AND THAT ONLY IN THE
19 EVENT THAT IT WAS ULTIMATELY DETERMINED BY THIS BOARD THAT IT
20 WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE THE OVERSIGHT TO THE
21 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND BE THE FORUM FOR RECEIPT OF THE
22 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORTS THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CIVILIAN
23 COMMISSION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT TO THE JAILS. AND
24 MY VIEW IS THAT THAT'S WHAT THIS BOARD SHOULD DO AT THIS POINT
25 IN TIME. THE BOARD SHOULD NOW THAT THEY PASSED THE ORDINANCE,



1 NOW THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IS UP AND RUNNING, THE
2 BOARD SHOULD LET THE INSPECTOR GENERAL DO HIS JOB, TAKE
3 REPORTS FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OVER AT LEAST THE NEXT
4 YEAR, MAKE SURE THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IS
5 OPERATING EFFECTIVELY, THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IS
6 MEETING THIS BOARD'S EXPECTATIONS, IS ABLE TO HAVE THE ACCESS
7 THAT'S NECESSARY AND IS PROVIDING A RIGOROUS OVERSIGHT AND
8 RIGOROUS REPORTS TO THIS BOARD. IF AT THE END OF THAT PERIOD
9 OF TIME THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE AN
10 ADDITIONAL LAYER OF OVERSIGHT, THAT THE PUBLIC REPORTS PLUS
11 THE BOARD'S OVERSIGHT IS NOT APPROPRIATE, IS NOT SUFFICIENT, I
12 SHOULD SAY, IT WOULD BE AT THAT POINT IN TIME THAT THE BOARD
13 SHOULD CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A CIVILIAN COMMISSION. PART
14 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS -- OR PART OF THE ANALYSIS THAT WENT
15 INTO THE JAIL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS IS A REFLECTION OF
16 THE STRUCTURE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHICH IS FUNDAMENTALLY
17 DIFFERENT FROM THE STRUCTURE OF THE L.A. CITY GOVERNMENT. IN
18 THE CITY, YOU HAVE A UNITARY EXECUTIVE WHO APPOINTS A POLICE
19 COMMISSION. THAT POLICE COMMISSION IS EMPOWERED BY THE CHARTER
20 TO HAVE PLENTY OF OVERSIGHT OVER THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
21 DEPARTMENT WITH EVERYTHING EXCEPT FOR DISCIPLINE. AND THAT
22 POLICE COMMISSION REGULARLY RECEIVES REPORTS FROM THE
23 INSPECTOR GENERAL, REVIEWS ALL CATEGORICAL USES OF FORCE IN
24 THE L.A. CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HAS THE FINAL
25 DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THOSE USES OF FORCE ARE IN POLICY



1 OR OUT OF POLICY. ALL FIVE OF THEM ARE APPOINTED BY A MAYOR,
2 AND THEY ULTIMATELY ARE RESPONSIBLE TO THE MAYOR AND TO THE
3 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES. THAT IS A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT
4 STRUCTURE THAN WHAT WE HAVE HERE IN THE COUNTY. WE HAVE THE
5 FIVE-MEMBER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH SERVES AS BOTH AN
6 EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BODY. WE HAVE AN INDEPENDENTLY
7 ELECTED SHERIFF, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER. AND WE HAVE NO
8 STATEWIDE AUTHORITY FOR THE CREATION OF A CIVILIAN COMMISSION
9 THAT WOULD HAVE ANY TRUE OVERSIGHT OVER THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT. SO THAT IS, I THINK, A BIG REASON WHY THE JAIL
11 COMMISSION CAME OUT THE WAY IT DID IN ITS RECOMMENDATION.
12 THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE JAIL COMMISSION -- AND I
13 PERSONALLY -- FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OVER LAW ENFORCEMENT. I
14 THINK IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. I THINK THE ROLE THAT THIS
15 BOARD PLAYED IN CREATING THE JAIL COMMISSION AND THE RESULT OF
16 THAT JAIL COMMISSION DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVILIAN
17 OVERSIGHT. I THINK WHAT YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW IS A BODY, THIS
18 BOARD, WHICH WILL HAVE THE MAXIMUM OVERSIGHT POSSIBLE OVER THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF THE INFLUENCE THAT THIS BODY
20 HAS, IN TERMS OF THIS BODY'S BUDGETARY AUTHORITY, AND IN TERMS
21 OF RECEIVING REPORTS FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AND I THINK
22 IF YOU HAVE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE NOW WITH THE BUDGET
23 AND THE STAFFING THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS GOING TO HAVE
24 IS YOU HAVE A BODY THAT IS GOING TO BE ABLE, WITH SOME
25 COOPERATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO AUDIT, REVIEW,



1 MONITOR AND, WHEN NECESSARY, INVESTIGATE AND MAKE THOSE KINDS
2 OF REPORTS TO THIS BOARD. THE JAIL COMMISSION IS NOT GOING TO
3 REALLY HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS. A FIVE-
4 PERSON BROWN ACT BOARD IS LIMITED IN THE ABILITY TO CONDUCT
5 INVESTIGATIONS. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AND
6 THIS BOARD, I THINK, IS THE BODY THAT HAS THE MAXIMUM
7 AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE THE OVERSIGHT OVER THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT. SO MY VIEW IS YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT STRUCTURE HERE.
9 YOU HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OF THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE WE
10 HAVE IN THE COUNTY. YOU'VE NOW CREATED AN INSPECTOR GENERAL'S
11 OFFICE THAT'S FULLY EMPOWERED TO CONDUCT THE NECESSARY
12 OVERSIGHT. AND I THINK MY OWN PERSONAL VIEW AND I BELIEVE THE
13 RECOMMENDATION OF THE JAIL COMMISSION IS THAT WE SHOULD LET
14 THIS CURRENT ORGANIZATION WITH ITS INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING
15 TO THE BOARD PLAY OUT FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME SO THAT THIS
16 BOARD IS ULTIMATELY SATISFIED THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS
17 BOTH EFFECTIVE AND MEETING ITS EXPECTATIONS.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. HUNTSMAN?

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21 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. THIS BOARD HIRED ME TO DO
22 SOMETHING, TO INVESTIGATE AND TO SORT OF TAKE APART AND
23 ANALYZE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A TASK I FEEL I'M QUALIFIED
24 TO DO. AND IF I'M GIVEN ACCESS, I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO DO TO
25 THE BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE ASSISTANCE OF THE



1 BOARD IN ITS SUPERVISORY ROLE. I WAS ALSO ASKED TO PROVIDE AN
2 OPINION REGARDING A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IN ORDER TO DO THAT,
3 BECAUSE I AM NO EXPERT IN THIS AREA. ME AND MY STAFF SPOKE TO
4 A WIDE VARIETY OF EXPERTS. YOU JUST HEARD FROM MR. DROOYAN WHO
5 IS ONE SUCH EXPERT AND THE THINGS THAT HE TOLD YOU ARE ECHOED
6 BY MANY OF THE EXPERTS IN THIS AREA. THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING
7 WHETHER OR NOT TO FORM A CIVILIAN COMMISSION WITHOUT WHAT
8 PEOPLE OFTEN CALL ADDITIONAL POWERS. AND AS MR. DROOYAN HAS
9 TOLD YOU, IN THIS COUNTY CONTEXT IN WHICH THERE IS NO ONE
10 PERSON WHO APPOINTS THE SHERIFF OR CONTROLS THE SHERIFF IN THE
11 WAY L.A.P.D. OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTIONS, IN ORDER TO EMPOWER
12 SUCH A COMMISSION, YOU'D HAVE TO PASS A STATE LAW OR A COUNTY
13 CHARTER. IF YOU DON'T DO THAT, THEN YOU HAVE AN ADVISORY
14 COMMITTEE. AND I KNOW YOU ALL UNDERSTAND THIS, BUT I DON'T
15 KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC DOES. DRIVING HOME YESTERDAY, LISTENING
16 TO N.P.R., I HEARD KEVIN RODERICK, WHO COMMENTS ON THESE AREAS
17 TALK ABOUT HOW THIS BOARD WAS CONSIDERING, TODAY, CREATING A
18 COMMISSION THAT WOULD HAVE OVERSIGHT OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
19 AND THAT COMMISSION, IF YOU CREATE IT TODAY, WON'T ACTUALLY
20 HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO ANYTHING MORE THAN RECOMMEND. THAT
21 DOES NOT MEAN IT'S A BAD IDEA. BUT IT IS NOT THE SAVIOR ON A
22 WHITE HORSE RIDING IN THAT SOME PEOPLE WOULD LIKE IT TO BE.
23 AND THAT IS WHY, BASED ON THE INFORMATION I PROVIDED YOU, I
24 RECOMMENDED WAITING UNTIL WE COMPLETED THE PROCESS WE'RE IN
25 RIGHT NOW. TO MY MIND, THE MOST CRITICAL PIECE OF WHAT WE'RE



1 TRYING TO DO HERE TO REFORM THE DEPARTMENT IS ACCESS. COMPLETE
2 ACCESS. UNLIMITED ACCESS. AND TO DATE WE DO NOT HAVE THAT.
3 WE'VE BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR MONTHS ON TRYING TO GET THAT. THE
4 DEPARTMENT MAY OR MAY NOT ULTIMATELY GIVE THAT TO US. JUST
5 OVER THE WEEKEND, A PERSON WAS SHOT AND THERE'S AN
6 INVESTIGATION GOING ON RIGHT NOW THAT I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO.
7 THAT WHETHER OR NOT IT'S BEING CONDUCTED PROPERLY IS A
8 CRITICAL POINT FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ITS
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE BOARD AND
10 WHATEVER MECHANISMS YOU PUT IN PLACE. WE NEED THAT COMPLETE
11 ACCESS. WE'VE COME UP WITH LEGAL JUSTIFICATION. SOME OF IT IS
12 LISTED IN THE REPORT THAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU. WE'VE
13 PRESENTED IT TO THE DEPARTMENT. AND WE'RE IN A CONTINUING
14 PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING IT. SHERIFF SCOTT HAS BEEN VERY
15 COOPERATIVE, VERY ENTHUSIASTIC IN HIS SUPPORT. BUT THE WAY A
16 PROCESS LIKE THIS FAILS IS NOT THROUGH THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE
17 OF SUPPORT OF A HEAD OF A DEPARTMENT; IT'S THROUGH THE PEOPLE
18 ON THE GROUND, THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS PEOPLE, THE
19 BUREAUCRATS, THE PEOPLE WHO WHISPER IN SOMEBODY'S EAR WHO GO
20 TO A MEETING AND PUT UP ROADBLOCKS. SO IF THAT PROCESS RESULTS
21 IN US GETTING INCOMPLETE ACCESS, THEN I THINK WE'LL HAVE A
22 FAILURE ON OUR HANDS AND WE'LL NEED A PLAN B. AND THE PLAN B,
23 IN MY OPINION, WOULD BE FOR YOU TO SEEK A STATE LAW OR CHARTER
24 CHANGE TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL CHANGE. SUCH AS I'VE HEARD
25 ANECDOTALLY THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION THAT'S CURRENTLY



1 IN PLACE, I'VE HEARD HORROR STORIES ABOUT SOME OF THE RESULTS
2 COMING OUT OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS THERE. I'VE ALSO HEARD
3 OTHER PEOPLE SAY IT WORKS JUST FINE. BUT IF YOU HAD A STATE
4 LAW THAT ALLOWED YOU TO, YOU COULD PULL THE PORTION OF CIVIL
5 SERVICE OUT OF THAT COMMISSION AND PUT IT IN A COMMISSION THAT
6 YOU CREATED TO OVERSEE IN THE SENSE OF THE DISCIPLINARY
7 PROCESS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT WOULD BE A MUCH MORE
8 RADICAL AND AGGRESSIVE REFORM EFFORT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT
9 POLITICALLY WOULD SUCCEED. AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S NECESSARY.
10 SO WHEN I TELL YOU THAT I THINK YOU SHOULD WAIT BEFORE YOU
11 MAKE YOUR DECISION, IT IS NOT BECAUSE I AM NOT IN SUPPORT OF A
12 COMMITTEE. IT IS BECAUSE I THINK YOU MAY NEED TO BE OF MORE IN
13 SUPPORT OF A COMMITTEE THAN YOU ARE NOW. AND THE COMMITTEE
14 THAT YOU'RE CONSIDERING CREATING MAY OR MAY NOT GET YOU WHAT
15 YOU WANT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, OR EQUALLY IMPORTANTLY, CURRENTLY
16 I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF CONSENSUS AMONG THE
17 BOARD. I ALSO DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S CONSENSUS BETWEEN THE
18 BOARD AND THE SHERIFF. NOW, IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THIS BOARD TO
19 DO A LOT OF THINGS WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF THE SHERIFF, BUT
20 THIS ROAD WE'VE GONE DOWN, WE NEED SOME FORM OF COOPERATION
21 FOR IT TO WORK AND THE FORM THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IT. THE
22 SHERIFF ISN'T HERE TODAY. I KNOW THAT MR. MCDONNELL WHO IS A
23 CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF HAS ENDORSED THE COMMITTEE IDEA.
24 PERSONALLY I THINK THAT THAT COULD BE A WATERSHED MOMENT. IF
25 HE IS INDEED ELECTED AND IF HE CONTINUES TO BE IN SUPPORT OF



1 IT AND WE SIT DOWN AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND SAY TO HIM WE
2 WANT ACCESS. WE WANT COMPLETE ACCESS FOR THE I.G. WITH RESPECT
3 TO THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL
4 PROVISIONS. AND WE'RE WILLING TO PUT A COMMITTEE ON THE TABLE
5 AND YOU WANT IT AND MANY OF US THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA. THAT
6 COULD LEAD TO BOARD CONSENSUS. AND IT COULD LEAD TO BUY-IN
7 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE A
8 GREAT PLACE TO BE AT BUT WE'RE NOT AT THAT POINT YET. HAVING
9 SAID THAT, IT'S OF COURSE THIS BOARD'S DECISION WHAT STEPS YOU
10 WANT TO TAKE. I'M ONLY GIVING YOU MY PERCEPTION OF WHAT I
11 THINK STRATEGICALLY IS THE BEST WAY TO PLAY YOUR HAND HERE.
12 BUT ULTIMATELY IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO DECIDE HOW YOU WANT TO
13 PLAY YOUR CARDS. AND I OF COURSE WILL WORK WITH YOU IN
14 WHATEVER FRAMEWORK THIS BOARD SETS UP. AS I'M GOING TO BE
15 DOING IN THE DAYS AHEAD TRYING TO GET ACCESS AT THE DEPARTMENT
16 FOR THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE NEED TO SEE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE
17 THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS AND PUBLICLY REPORT TO YOU HOW
18 IT'S DOING.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIRMAN, AND TO
23 MY COLLEAGUES AND THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. I
24 THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR VOICES TO BE HEARD.
25 I WILL SAY QUICKLY IN RESPONSE TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S



1 REMARKS, HAD WE DEFERRED AS A BOARD THAT THE JUDGMENT OF A
2 PREVIOUS SHERIFF, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE YOUR JOB TODAY, SIR. THIS
3 IS A RESULT OF A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT
4 ACCOUNTABILITY, OVERSIGHT, SUNSHINE, AND THE PROCESS. I WISH
5 IT TO BE UNDERSTOOD OR APPRECIATED THAT THE CONTINUING PUSH,
6 THE CONTINUING DRIVE, THE CONCERN FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE
7 OUTCOMES IN TERMS OF CONSTITUTIONAL 21ST CENTURY EFFECTIVE LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS WHAT IS AT STAKE
9 HERE IN TERMS OF A CIVILIAN COMMISSION. MR. CHAIRMAN AND
10 COLLEAGUES, WE KNOW TODAY IS A VERY IMPORTANT MOMENT. WE KNOW
11 THAT MANY OF THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT IS DEEPLY TROUBLING. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY,
13 MANY MEN AND WOMEN, THE VAST MAJORITY, WE MAINTAIN WHO DO
14 THEIR JOBS WELL AND THIS IS IN NO WAY TO BE INTERPRETED AS
15 ANYTHING THAT WOULD DISPARAGE THEIR EFFORTS OR THEIR MOTIVES.
16 IT IS ESSENTIALLY TO SAY THAT THIS IS ABOUT A SYSTEMIC MATTER,
17 IT IS ABOUT STRUCTURAL REFORM. THE 21ST CENTURY BEST PRACTICES
18 SUGGEST AND INSIST THAT YOU HAVE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL AND A
19 COMMISSION. WE HAVE EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHED A HALF LOAF. IT
20 IS ESSENTIALLY THE TIME FOR US TO FILL THIS OUT AND GET
21 COMPLETE REFORM IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT. THE CONTEXT, THE BACKGROUND IS VERY, VERY CLEAR.
23 WE TALK ABOUT THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN OUR SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT. THE CLAIM ABOUT EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE. HOPEFULLY
25 BEING MANAGED. ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF MENTALLY ILL IN THE



1 JAILS. A HUGE ISSUE. THUS WE PUSH FOR DIVERSION. THE
2 ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
3 AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE. THIS IS THE FOCUS, THESE ARE THE FOCI OF
4 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. AND THEN WE HAVE THE
5 ISSUE OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY WITH THE 18 DEPUTIES THAT WERE
6 INDICTED, LIEUTENANTS AND SERGEANTS FOR EXCESSIVE FORCE,
7 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND OTHER CHARGES. AND TO DATE, SIX OF
8 THEM HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY. THEN LITIGATION COSTS FROM THE
9 LAST YEAR ALONE, SOME \$43 MILLION RELATED TO MATTERS INVOLVING
10 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I SIMPLY WANT TO ASSERT THAT
11 THERE IS MUCH MORE THAT WE WILL LEARN IN THE COMING YEARS. AND
12 I DON'T MEAN TO SUGGEST THAT EVERYTHING IS WRONG IN THE
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE AN IMPORTANT JOB. IT'S OFTEN
14 DANGEROUS. YOU HEAR GUNSHOTS FIRING. AND IN MANY INSTANCES,
15 THE COMMON REACTION IS FOR PEOPLE TO RUN IN THE OPPOSITE
16 DIRECTION. THESE MEN AND WOMEN RUN TO THAT GUNFIRE TO TRY TO
17 SAVE LIVES, PROTECT PEOPLE, RESTORE ORDER AND BRING ABOUT A
18 SEMBLANCE OF CIVILITY AND SAFETY IN THE CONTEXT WHERE IT IS
19 BROKEN DOWN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. WE RESPECT THAT. THAT DOES
20 NOT KEEP US FROM UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWING THAT THERE ARE
21 PROBLEMS THAT HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED. AND I THINK THAT IT'S THE
22 NEED FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS NOT JUST ABOUT AN INDICTMENT
23 AGAINST OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT ALL. THE PUBLIC
24 PARTICIPATION EMBRACES LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT ESSENTIALLY
25 ADVANCES IT. IT CAUSES US TO HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE



1 IN OUR DEPARTMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT. AND IT'S NOT SIMPLY ABOUT
2 HAVING TEETH. IT IS ESSENTIALLY ABOUT HAVING A VOICE. THAT'S
3 WHAT THE CIVILIAN COMMISSION IS ABOUT. IT IS NOT ABOUT HAVING
4 TEETH. NO ONE IS TRYING TO BITE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE
5 ESSENTIALLY ARGUED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. AND WHILE I'M ON THAT
6 POINT, THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WOULD NOT SUPERVISE THE
7 SHERIFF ALONE; IT WOULD HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR THE
8 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. IT'S NOT THAT THE INSPECTOR
9 GENERAL WOULD FLY ON HIS OR HER OWN WITHOUT A REPORTING
10 STRUCTURE THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE AND BRING ABOUT THE
11 APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY. AND SO I SIMPLY WANT TO
12 SAY THAT WE CAN ARGUE THAT WE SHOULD WAIT FOR CIVILIAN
13 OVERSIGHT. THAT'S ESSENTIALLY AN APOLOGY REDUCED TO THE STATUS
14 QUO. I KNOW THAT THERE TAKES A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME. A
15 CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO MOVE REFORM FORWARD. IT WOULD
16 SEEM TO ME THAT THIS BOARD CAN AND SHOULD EMBRACE IT NOT
17 TOMORROW BUT NOW. NOT TOMORROW BUT TODAY. AND MOVE THE AGENDA
18 FORWARD IN A SIGNIFICANT MANNER. [APPLAUSE.] I THINK IF, IF
19 YOU WOULD, THE PEOPLE'S VOICE, THE COMMUNITY'S VOICE, THE
20 PUBLIC'S VOICE IS IMPORTANT. TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT, HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE, AND TO
22 MAKE SURE THAT ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES ARE WHAT THEY SHOULD BE
23 AND CAN BE. AND THERE IS NO REASON FOR FURTHER DELAY, IN MY
24 OPINION. AND I TRUST THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD TODAY, MR.
25 CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS ISSUE OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION CERTAINLY HAS
5 BEEN ONE THAT IS IMPORTANT TO MANY OF US BECAUSE WE THINK IT
6 WILL BRING ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST ASKED
7 THE QUESTION OF MR. DROOYAN AS TO WHY THE COMMISSION DID NOT
8 SUPPORT A COMMISSION OF THIS TYPE, AND THERE WERE ISSUES ABOUT
9 THE LEGALITY OF IT, WHICH IS A KEY STUMBLING BLOCK. AND
10 CERTAINLY THE ISSUE OF HOW TO GET AT ACCESS AND INFORMATION
11 AND HOW TO MAKE IT WORK AND FUNCTION IN THE LIGHT OF DAY,
12 WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT PART. SO WE TOOK THAT TO HEART. AND WE
13 DID ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION TO PUT IN AN
14 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, WHICH WE HAVE TODAY. I THINK
15 THAT, AGAIN, I SUPPORTED THE COMMISSION BECAUSE I DID WANT IT
16 TO BITE, TO BRING ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. WHAT'S SAD ABOUT IT IS
17 EVEN IF IT WERE PASSED TODAY, IT COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED
18 UNTIL STATE LAW IS CHANGED. SO I THINK WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL
19 ABOUT WHAT WE DO. I KNOW I'M INTERESTED IN IT. AND SO WOULD
20 CONSIDER TO PURSUE IT IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION THAT I HAD BEEN A
21 PART OF COAUTHORING. WHAT CONCERNS ME TODAY IS THE FACT THAT
22 WE DO HAVE TEETH. WE HAVE AN O.I.R. WHO HASN'T GOTTEN STARTED.
23 THE ONLY THING WE'RE DOING IS WASTING OUR TIME TRYING TO
24 FIGURE OUT WHAT YOUR BUDGET IS. INSTEAD, ACCESS IS NOT THE
25 ONLY ISSUE. ACCESS WAS DISCUSSED HERE SIX MONTHS AGO WHEN I AS



1 A SUPERVISOR COULD NOT GET ACCESS TO A WRITTEN REPORT BY THE
2 SHERIFF. THAT'S WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DECIDING THIS ISSUE,
3 SIX MONTHS AGO. WE SHOULDN'T BE WAITING FOR TODAY. BUT AS YOU
4 CAN SEE, YOU NOW HAVE IT. THIS BOARD IS WILLING TO SUPPORT IT.
5 BUT THE REALITY IS: YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR MISSION STARTED.
6 THAT'S THE KEY. YOU'VE BEEN ON FOR A LONG TIME. AND THE
7 MISSION IS NOT CLEAR. YOU DON'T JUST NEED ACCESS. YOU NEED TO
8 START BRINGING ACCOUNTABILITY. THERE ARE OVER 3,000 REPORTS
9 THAT YOU COULD REVIEW TODAY. AT LEAST 8 IN THE LAST YEAR
10 ALONE. YOU COULD, FROM THAT, DECIDE WHETHER IN FACT THERE IS
11 ACCOUNTABILITY OR NOT. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IN THE PRESENT
12 TENSE. IT COULD BE IN THOSE REPORTS WHICH ARE COMPLETED, WHICH
13 YOU DO HAVE ACCESS. AND I THINK IF YOU START LOOKING AT THOSE
14 REPORTS, YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE IS NOT ACCOUNTABILITY. I HAVE
15 BEEN CONCERNED AS I HAVE READ SOME OF THOSE REPORTS: THEY ARE
16 SLOPPY. THEY ARE NOT WELL DONE. THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY. IT
17 IS CLEARLY A PATHWAY TO COVER UP SOME OF THE ISSUES. AND THEY
18 EMBARRASS ME. I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT'S EMBARRASSED BY THOSE
19 REPORTS IF YOU READ THEM. I THINK THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS
20 EMBARRASSED, AS WELL. NO ONE WANTS TO JUST PLAY GOTCHA WITH
21 THE SHERIFF. THEY HAVE A TOUGH JOB TO DO EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND
22 THEIR LIVES ARE IN DANGER EVERY SINGLE DAY. THOSE SAME COPS
23 THAT DON'T KNOW HOW TO FOLLOW POLICY, DON'T KNOW HOW TO FOLLOW
24 LAW, DON'T SEEM TO RESPECT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN
25 OUR COMMUNITY NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THEY MAKE ALL



1 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES LOOK BAD. AND I THINK EVERYONE WOULD AGREE
2 WITH THAT. SO I THINK THE O.I.G. HAS TO GET TO WORK. WE
3 HAVEN'T HAD ONE PUBLIC REPORT. THERE HAS BEEN NO TRANSPARENCY
4 IN ANY ACTIONS WHATSOEVER. SUPPOSEDLY YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF
5 PEOPLE WORKING ON THINGS. THERE'S PLENTY OF THINGS TO DO.
6 DON'T WAIT FOR ACCESS. YOU WANT TONS OF PEOPLE ON YOUR BUDGET.
7 GET THEM TO WORK ON THE BASICS. REFORM COMMITTEE GAVE US A
8 SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT NEEDED TO BE IMPLEMENTED. SOME
9 ARE, SOME ARE NOT. BUT THEY'RE GOING TO REQUIRE MONITORING ALL
10 OF THE TIME. WE'VE NOT EVEN SEEN SUCH A REPORT. I AM
11 CONCERNED. I DON'T WANT AN O.I.R. OR O.I.G. WITHOUT TEETH,
12 EITHER. WE NEED TO GET TO WORK AND START BITING SOME PEOPLE IN
13 ORDER TO GET THE JOB DONE. WE NEED TO SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING AND
14 HOW THIS WORK IS GETTING DONE, NOT JUST HOW YOUR PEOPLE ARE
15 BEING PAID AND WHAT CLASSIFICATION THEY HAVE. I'D LIKE A
16 BETTER MISSION DETERMINED. I'D LIKE A PRESENTATION OF WHEN
17 WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME PUBLIC HEARINGS. I'D LIKE TO GET A
18 BETTER UNDERSTAND OF WHAT YOUR 60-DAY PLAN IS, YOUR ONE-YEAR
19 PLAN IS. WE'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK. I UNDERSTAND THE
20 FRUSTRATION OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND FROM MANY
21 PEOPLE IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES BECAUSE WE CAN'T GET THAT
22 INFORMATION. WE CAN'T BRING ACCOUNTABILITY. WE WANT TO FUND
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE WANT TO TAKE PRIDE IN EVERY
24 SINGLE ONE OF OUR DEPUTIES. BUT LET'S FACE IT: IT ISN'T JUST
25 THE INDICTMENTS THAT TOLD US THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG IN THE



1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAD THREE TO FOUR YEARS OF MAJOR
2 OUTCOMES JUST BY LAWSUITS ALONE WITH WHAT THE A.C.L.U. HAS
3 PRESENTED US. WHAT THE COMMISSION HAS TOLD US. WE NOW NEED TO
4 GET TO WORK. THERE IS NOTHING THAT IS STOPPING US TODAY
5 GETTING TO THE BASICS OF WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHERE, HOW AND WHEN.
6 AND WHEN WE HAVE DEPUTIES THAT DON'T KNOW HOW TO FOLLOW POLICY
7 AND A GOOD EXAMPLE I POINTED OUT TO YOU ABOUT FIVE MONTHS AGO,
8 WHEN YOU HAVE DEPUTIES WHO REFUSE TO WEAR A SEAT BELT FOR
9 WHATEVER REASON, AND IF THEY THINK THEY'RE ABOVE THE LAW, THEN
10 THEY NEED TO MARCH TO SACRAMENTO AND CHANGE THE LAW. BUT UNTIL
11 THAT HAPPENS, THEY NEED TO FIND A WAY TO BRING ACCOUNTABILITY.
12 YOU SAID TO ME, HOW CAN IT BE DONE? I OUTLINED HOW IT COULD BE
13 DONE. THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT FOLLOWING THE LAW, AS MINOR AS
14 THAT MIGHT BE, IS AS SIGNIFICANT AS FOLLOWING POLICY AND
15 PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHEN THEY'RE OUT THERE
16 EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE KNOW THEY'RE IN DANGER. IT IS OUR
17 RESPONSIBILITY TO INDEMNIFY THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY, TO ASSURE
18 THEM OF PROTECTION, TO LET THEM KNOW THEY CAN GO TO THEIR JOB
19 AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE MAXIMUM OF PROTECTION FROM US.
20 BUT I DO NOT WANT TO PROTECT A BAD COP. I DO NOT WANT TO
21 PROTECT A CORRUPT COP HAVE I DON'T WANT TO PROTECT A
22 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT COVERS UP FORBAD COPS. WE NEED A SYSTEM
23 WITH INTEGRITY. AND YOU'RE THE PERSON TODAY WHO CAN DELIVER
24 IT. AND I SAY GET TO WORK. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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5 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** MAY I RESPOND TO THE SUPERVISOR? BECAUSE
6 THE POINT YOU MAKE, I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING YOU SAID. WE HAVE
7 AN INSPECTOR- GENERAL. WE NOW HAVE AN ORDINANCE PASSED. HE'S
8 GOT TO GET TO WORK, AND HE'S GOT TO SATISFY THIS BOARD AND
9 SATISFY YOU THAT HE'S MEETING YOUR EXPECTATIONS AS HE MOVES
10 FORWARD WITH REPORTS TO THIS BOARD.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHERE ARE THE REPORTS?

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14 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** HE'S JUST STARTING.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE PASSED THE ORDINANCE TODAY.

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18 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** WE JUST PASSED THE ORDINANCE TODAY TO
19 EMPOWER HIM. HE'S BEEN HIRING. HE'S BEEN SETTING UP THAT
20 OFFICE. BUT THE POINT I'M MAKING IS THAT IF YOU HAD A CIVILIAN
21 COMMISSION IN PLACE AND HAD HIM REPORT TO THAT CIVILIAN
22 COMMISSION, YOU WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MONITOR WHETHER OR NOT
23 HE'S MEETING YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHY WOULDN'T WE? WAIT, WHY WOULDN'T WE?



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2 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** BECAUSE YOU WOULD HAVE HIM TO REPORT TO
3 SOMEBODY OTHER THAN THIS BOARD.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE COULDN'T BE
6 MONITORED. THE COMMISSION IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD,
7 PRESUMABLY.

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9 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I THINK YOU PUT A COMMISSION BETWEEN
10 YOURSELF.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANOTHER LAYER.

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14 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU LOSE THE
15 ABILITY TO REALLY MONITOR WHAT HE'S DOING AND WHETHER IT MEETS
16 THIS BOARD'S EXPECTATIONS.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OF COURSE WITH THE 950,000 OTHER THINGS
19 THAT WE HAVE TO DO THAT WE CAN'T SUSTAIN ATTENTION ON AS IT
20 IS. THAT'S ONE OF THE COMPELLING ARGUMENTS IS THE PRACTICAL
21 CONSIDERATION. WE CANNOT PAY ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT, THE I.G.R. OR THE SHERIFF HIMSELF. THAT'S WHY WE
23 NEED HELP. AND THAT'S WHY THERE ARE COMMISSIONS ALL OVER THE
24 NATION. AND SO IT SHOCKS ME, FRANKLY, THAT YOU WOULD ARGUE
25 OTHERWISE. IT IS VERY PRACTICAL. IT IS NOT IDEOLOGICAL WHETHER



1 WE WANT ACCOUNTABILITY OR NOT. ACCOUNTABILITY CAN BE REDUCED
2 TO AN ABSTRACTION.

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4 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I AGREE WITH YOU. IT'S NOT AN IDEOLOGICAL
5 ISSUE BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL AGREE FOR THE NEED OF CIVILIAN
6 OVERSIGHT. I THINK IT'S JUST A QUESTION WHAT'S THE BEST
7 FORMAT? WHAT'S THE BEST FORMAT IN THE NEXT YEAR? TAKING INTO
8 ACCOUNT THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE THAT WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY. I
9 WOULD BE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF STATE LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDED
10 FOR A COMMISSION THAT HAD REAL POWER, REAL OVERSIGHT OVER LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT. BUT THAT'S A BIG STEP. AND THAT'S A REAL WAY
12 AWAY TO HAVE THAT. IN THE INTERIM, THE QUESTION IS ARE WE
13 GOING TO HAVE A COMMISSION THAT REALLY HAS NO AUTHORITY, THAT
14 PUTS ITSELF BETWEEN THIS BOARD AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL? AND
15 I THINK ULTIMATELY MAKES IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR THIS BOARD
16 TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IS
17 MEETING EXPECTATIONS. I UNDERSTAND THE MANY OBLIGATIONS AND
18 RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THIS BOARD HAS. BUT THERE IS NO COUNTY
19 INSTITUTION THAT HAS MORE AUTHORITY, MORAL AUTHORITY,
20 POLITICAL AUTHORITY OR POWER THAN THIS BOARD. THE REASON WHY
21 WE HAVE THE SIGNIFICANT REFORMS AND CHANGES IN THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT TODAY IS BECAUSE 2-1/2 YEARS AGO THIS BOARD SAID
23 WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING. IT APPOINTED A CIVILIAN COMMISSION,
24 A JAIL COMMISSION FOR A SPECIFIC DUTY, RESPONSIBILITY,



1 INVESTIGATION, AND I THINK THE RESULT OF THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT
2 CHANGE. WE NOW HAVE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT. AND IT DID NOT TAKE A STATE LAW
5 TO DO IT. IT TOOK LEADERSHIP. IT TOOK INITIATIVE. AND THAT'S
6 ESSENTIALLY WHAT'S IN PLAY HERE.

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8 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** AND I AGREE. AND IT WAS THIS BOARD'S
9 LEADERSHIP.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY. AND IT'S THIS BOARD'S LEADERSHIP
12 THAT CAN PUT A CIVILIAN BODY IN PLACE THAT WOULD BE
13 ACCOUNTABLE IN A WAY THAT WOULD SUSTAIN ITSELF RATHER THAN THE
14 EPISODIC TREATMENT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL GET FROM
15 THE BOARD OWING TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE INUNDATED WITH OTHER
16 RESPONSIBILITIES. IN OTHER WORDS, I WOULD ASSERT THIS BOARD
17 NEEDS HELP. AND IF WE APPOINT THE RIGHT PEOPLE, JUST AS WE DID
18 WITH THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMITTEE WE WILL GET HELP. QUALITY
19 HELP. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS REDUCES ITSELF TO. IT'S NOT ABOUT A
20 DEBATE ABOUT STATE LAW. IT'S ESSENTIALLY ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND
21 ACCOUNTABILITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IT IS A DEBATE ABOUT DIFFERENCE OF
25 OPINION OF THIS BOARD, OKAY?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I SPEAK FOR ONE MEMBER, MR. CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. SO, MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

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6 **SUP YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WANTED
7 TO MAKE A THOUGHTFUL STATEMENT ABOUT THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE I DO
8 THINK IT REQUIRES CONTEXT AND THOUGHTFULNESS. INSURING
9 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND
10 TRANSPARENCY THAT PROMOTES IT HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF OUR
11 SOCIETY'S AND ESPECIALLY LOS ANGELES'S MOST DIFFICULT
12 CHALLENGES. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHICH HAVE THE
13 EXTRAORDINARY POWER TO TAKE AWAY OUR FREEDOMS AND USE DEADLY
14 FORCE, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON PRIVATE CITIZENS MUST BE HELD
15 TO THE STRICTEST STANDARDS OF THE LAW. EACH OF US SERVING IN
16 PUBLIC OFFICE TAKES AN OATH TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE
17 UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
18 FOR ME THAT OATH HAS BEEN VERY PERSONAL AND HAS A VERY
19 PERSONAL MEANING BECAUSE MANY YEARS AGO BEFORE I WAS EVER
20 ELECTED TO OFFICE MY RIGHTS AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN WERE VIOLATED
21 BY A LOCAL POLICE AGENCY. AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, I SPILLED
22 CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL BLOOD EVEN AS OTHERS WERE SPILLING REAL
23 BLOOD WHEN I TOOK ON SUCH POLICE ABUSES AS EXCESSIVE FORCE,
24 BAD SHOOTINGS, RECKLESS USE OF CHOKEHOLDS AND ILLEGAL SPYING
25 ON LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS BY OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.



1 TODAY'S UPHEAVAL IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT IS ONLY THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF CRISIS THAT HAVE
3 ENGULFED OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OVER THE YEARS.
4 WHEN JAIL VIOLENCE AND OTHER MISCONDUCT ISSUES SHOOK THE
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THIS BOARD ON A MOTION I AUTHORED ALONG
6 WITH SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ESTABLISHED THE CITIZENS
7 COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE TO RECOMMEND STEPS TO REVERSE THE
8 DEPARTMENT'S SLIDE INTO SCANDAL. THE COMMISSION PRODUCED A
9 HARD HITTING REPORT ABOUT WHAT ITS ESTEEMED MEMBERS CONCLUDED
10 WAS NECESSARY TO HOLD THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACCOUNTABLE FOR HOW
11 IT POLICES OUR JAILS AND BY EXTENSION OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR
12 BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE
13 REFORMS, MOST OF WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED, SOME OF WHICH
14 REMAIN WORKS IN PROGRESS. TODAY'S DISCUSSION FOCUSES ON THIS
15 VERY QUESTION: WHAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ENSURE THAT
16 THE DEPARTMENT STRICTLY ADHERES TO ITS CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE
17 WHILE CONDUCTING ITSELF WITH AS MUCH TRANSPARENCY AS POSSIBLE
18 TO RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE. THE PROBLEM WITH THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT IS NOT THAT THERE IS TOO LITTLE OVERSIGHT. THE
20 PROBLEM IS THERE HAS BEEN TOO LITTLE EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT.
21 SINCE 1959, BEFORE THE NOW NOTORIOUS MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WAS
22 EVEN OPENED, THE COUNTY'S SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
23 WAS CHARGED WITH MONITORING OUR JAILS. AFTER THE 1992 KOLTS
24 REPORT WHICH FOCUSED ON EXCESSIVE FORCE, COMMUNITY RELATIONS
25 AND CITIZENS COMPLAINTS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HIRED



1 SPECIAL COUNSEL MERRICK BOBB TO TRACK THESE ISSUES AND PRODUCE
2 SEMIANNUAL REPORTS. THE BOARD ALSO CREATED AN OFFICE OF
3 OMBUDSMAN TO HEAR AND VET CITIZEN AND INMATE COMPLAINTS.
4 LATER, THE BOARD ENGAGED THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION AS
5 AN INDEPENDENT JAIL MONITOR, SO INDEPENDENT THAT THE A.C.L.U.
6 WOULD SUE US ON THE VERY CONDUCT THEY WERE MONITORING ON OUR
7 BEHALF. LATER STILL WE CREATED THE OFFICE, AN OFFICE OF
8 INDEPENDENT REVIEW, A GROUP OF ATTORNEYS OPERATING WITHIN THE
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A SECOND SET OF EYES TO THE
10 DEPARTMENT'S INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED POTENTIAL
11 MISCONDUCT. AND ON TOP OF ALL THIS, THE UNITED STATES
12 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS BEEN LOOKING OVER OUR SHOULDER FOR
13 YEARS NOW ON A VARIETY OF MATTERS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE
14 DEPARTMENT IS MEETING ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER A MEMORANDUM OF
15 AGREEMENT IN ITS TREATMENT OF MENTALLY ILL INMATES. DESPITE
16 ALL OF THESE OVERSIGHT EFFORTS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WENT
17 INTO A TAILSPIN THAT INCLUDED THE FAILED ADMINISTRATION OF OUR
18 JAILS, VIOLENCE PERPETRATED AGAINST SOME OF OUR INMATES AND
19 JAIL VISITORS AND THE LACK OF ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT
20 OF INMATES WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. ALL WITH THE OVERHANG OF
21 LACK OF TRANSPARENCY. THIS IS NOT TO MENTION PROBLEMS
22 ELSEWHERE IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT MADE IT A POSTER CHILD FOR
23 HOW NOT TO CARRY OUT ITS CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. IT
24 WAS IN RESPONSE TO THIS MELTDOWN THAT I PROPOSED AND THE BOARD
25 SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY A COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE WHICH



1 WE'VE HEARD A LITTLE ABOUT ALREADY THIS MORNING. AFTER NEARLY
2 A YEAR OF DEDICATED WORK UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SOME OF
3 L.A.'S MOST RESPECTED JURISTS, EXPERTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS,
4 THE PANEL URGED ENACTMENT OF MORE THAN 60 REFORMS. THE
5 CENTERPIECE WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW, FULL-TIME OFFICE
6 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT WOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ANSWERING DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS WITH ITS OWN STAFF, BUDGET AND BROAD INVESTIGATIVE
9 AUTHORITY INCLUDING UNFETTERED ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S
10 RECORDS. THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS DID NOT INCLUDE THE CREATION OF
11 A SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT COMMISSION LIKE THE ONE NOW BEING
12 PROPOSED. IN FACT, THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE
13 CONCLUDED IN ITS FINAL REPORT, AND I QUOTE, "WHILE THE
14 COMMISSION CONSIDERED A CIVILIAN COMMISSION COMPRISED OF
15 COMMUNITY LEADERS AS AN ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT BODY, SUCH A
16 COMMISSION IS NOT NECESSARY IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
17 CONTINUES TO PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON CONDITIONS IN THE JAILS AND
18 ESTABLISHES A WELL STRUCTURED AND ADEQUATELY STAFFED OFFICE OF
19 INSPECTOR GENERAL". THE INK WAS BARELY DRY ON THIS HISTORIC
20 REPORT BEFORE THE BOARD WAS ASKED TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF
21 A SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND I RESPECT THE REQUEST
22 AND I RESPECT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S COMMITMENT TO THIS
23 ISSUE. A YEAR LATER, BEFORE THE BOARD HAD EVEN APPOINTED AN
24 INSPECTOR GENERAL, A SECOND MOTION WAS PROPOSED CALLING AGAIN
25 FOR THE CREATION OF AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND NOW JUST AS



1 WE ARE PREPARING TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
2 GENERAL, WHICH BY THE WAY WE HAVE NOT YET DONE, IT'S ON THE
3 AGENDA TODAY. WE THOUGHT WE APPROVED IT BUT IT WAS REAPPROVED
4 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. I THOUGHT WE COULD DO IT TODAY. BUT WE
5 ONCE AGAIN ARE BEING TOLD THAT ONLY THE SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT
6 COMMISSION CAN DO THE JOB. I UNDERSTAND THE DEEP AND LONG-HELD
7 FRUSTRATIONS THAT HAVE DEALT WITH THIS PROPOSAL. NOBODY SHARES
8 THOSE FRUSTRATIONS MORE THAN I DO AND MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD
9 DO. I SHARE THEM DEEPLY, LONG BEFORE THE SCANDAL OVER
10 BRUTALITY IN THE JAILS ERUPTED. RESIDENTS IN SOME
11 NEIGHBORHOODS COMPLAINED OF HEAVY HANDED TACTICS BY THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IN RECENT DAYS WE HAVE ALL HEARD FROM
13 MANY PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF AN OVERSIGHT PANEL. MANY
14 OF YOU WERE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE. AND I APPLAUD YOU, QUIETLY,
15 FOR YOUR ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN AN ISSUE OF SUCH CRITICAL
16 IMPORTANCE. BUT I BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY AT THIS MOMENT OF
17 UNDERSTANDABLY HIGH EMOTIONS TO PROVIDE STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT
18 WHAT I SEE AS THE SUREST WAY TO REACH OUR GOAL OF RIGHTING THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR TODAY AND FOR THE FUTURE. SOME MIGHT
20 ASK: WHAT'S THE HARM IN A COMMISSION? ISN'T TOO MUCH OVERSIGHT
21 BETTER THAN TOO LITTLE? THAT'S BEEN PRECISELY THE PROBLEM. NOT
22 TOO MUCH OVERSIGHT; TOO MUCH INADEQUATE, INEFFECTIVE, AND
23 DUPLICATIVE OVERSIGHT. SOMEHOW WITH THE MANY MONITORING
24 EFFORTS LAUNCHED OVER THE YEARS, PROBLEMS WERE OVERLOOKED,
25 IGNORED AND NEVER ADDRESSED. IN MY JUDGMENT, THE AMBIGUOUS



1 ROLES OF THESE VARIOUS OVERSIGHT STRUCTURES CONTRIBUTED TO THE
2 LACK OF FOCUS AND DECISIVENESS IN ADDRESSING THE DEPARTMENT'S
3 PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE NOW BECOME A NATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT.
4 SIMPLY PUT, WHEN EVERYONE IS IN CHARGE, NO ONE IS IN CHARGE.
5 THAT'S WHY THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE URGED THE
6 COMMISSION OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, AN AGENCY WITH
7 AUTHORITY, RESOURCES AND A SINGLE MINDED DEDICATION TO OUR
8 COLLECTIVE MISSION OF RESTORING CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING TO OUR
9 COUNTY. TODAY MORE THAN SEVEN MONTHS AFTER WE APPOINTED THE
10 INSPECTOR GENERAL, SEVEN MONTHS, WE FINALLY HAVE BEFORE US ON
11 OUR AGENDA STAFFING THE ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN FOR HIS OFFICE. IN
12 ADDITION TO PROVIDING RIGOROUS OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT,
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THIS MANDATE INCLUDES REACHING OUT TO
14 THE PUBLIC THROUGH TOWN HALL MEETINGS AND OTHER VEHICLES TO
15 HEAR COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATE. THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON
16 JAIL VIOLENCE, THE ACTING SHERIFF, THE COUNTY C.E.O. AND OUR
17 OWN INSPECTOR GENERAL ALL AGREE -- AND OUR OWN MONITOR ALL
18 AGREE THAT THE FIRST PRIORITY MUST BE TO GET THIS NEW OFFICE
19 FULLY OPERATIONAL BEFORE CONTEMPLATING ANY ADDITIONAL
20 OVERSIGHT STRUCTURES. THESE ARE THE INDISPUTABLE FACTS. THE
21 PROPOSED SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WOULD HAVE NO REAL
22 POWER. NO LEGAL INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY. ONLY LIMITED ACCESS
23 TO SENSITIVE DEPARTMENT MATERIALS, IF ANY. AND NO MEANINGFUL
24 WAY TO IMPLEMENT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IT MIGHT MAKE. THE STATE
25 CONSTITUTION GRANTS GREAT POWER TO THE SHERIFF. AND HE IS NOT



1 SUBORDINATE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THIS BOARD CANNOT
2 DELEGATE POWERS TO A COMMISSION THAT THE BOARD ITSELF DOES NOT
3 POSSESS. FINALLY, LOOMING AHEAD OF US THERE'S A POTENTIAL FOR
4 OVERSIGHT BEYOND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WITH VERY REAL AND
5 SHARP TEETH: THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS BEEN
6 INVESTIGATING KEY AREAS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR A
7 NUMBER OF YEARS. AND WHILE IT HAS NOTED SOME PROGRESS TOWARD
8 REFORM, IT RECENTLY WARNED OF SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES. IT IS
9 BECOMING ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL
10 COMPEL THE DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THIS
11 COUNTY TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING EITHER
12 THROUGH A CONSENT DECREE OR A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, ALL
13 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FEDERAL JUDGE. WE MUST PERMIT THE
14 INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THIS BOARD TO
15 IMPLEMENT THE SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY RECOMMENDED BY THE JAIL
16 VIOLENCE COMMISSION NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO. CREATING ANY
17 ADDITIONAL STRUCTURE AT THIS POINT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
18 THESE ENTITIES WORKING IN TANDEM OFFER THE BEST CHANCE OF
19 ESTABLISHING THE KIND OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY THAT
20 WE ALL WANT AND DESPERATELY NEED. IF THIS SYSTEM FALLS SHORT,
21 THEN OUR BOARD CAN RE-ASSESS ANY NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES,
22 INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AT THE STATE AND COUNTY LEVELS
23 THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR AN OVERSIGHT BODY WITH REAL AUTHORITY
24 OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. FRANKLY, I SAID A YEAR AGO, I
25 SAY IT AGAIN TODAY, IT SHOULD BE PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE



1 PROGRAM TO BEGIN SEEKING THOSE KINDS OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN
2 CASE WE WANT IT OR THE NEXT BOARD WANTS TO USE THEM. THIS MUCH
3 I KNOW FOR SURE: THE COMMISSION WE'RE BEING ASKED TO CREATE
4 TODAY WOULD BE UNABLE TO LIVE UP TO OUR HIGHEST AND RIGHTFUL
5 EXPECTATIONS. AND IT'S GIVING PEOPLE FALSE EXPECTATIONS. THE
6 LAST THING I WOULD THINK THIS BOARD NEEDS TO DO IS TO RAISE
7 PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS AND THEN FALL SHORT. WE HAVE A PLAN
8 PROVIDED BY THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION. AS THE OLD NAVY
9 PILOT ONCE TOLD ME, "YOU PLAN THE FLIGHT, AND THEN YOU FLY THE
10 PLAN." LET'S FLY THIS PLAN. LET'S GET MAX HUNTSMAN GOING. YOU
11 ASKED FOR A YEAR; I WOULD SAY SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR. SEE HOW
12 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, WORKING WITH THE BOARD,
13 PRODUCES. I BELIEVE YOU'LL LIVE UP TO OUR EXPECTATIONS. LAST
14 THING I WANT TO SAY IS THIS THING ABOUT THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE
15 TIME. THE BOARD NEEDS TO MAKE TIME. THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT
16 ISSUE THAT WE FACE THAN THIS ISSUE AND THE ISSUE OF CHILD
17 SAFETY. WE NEED TO MAKE TIME. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THIS BOARD
18 MET TWICE A WEEK. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE BOARD MET EVERY
19 TUESDAY AND ONCE EVERY OTHER THURSDAY. THERE'S NO REASON WHY
20 THIS BOARD NEEDS TO MEET JUST ONCE A WEEK. IF WE HAVE A
21 CRISIS, WE OUGHT TO MEET AND MAKE IT OUR BUSINESS, PUT THIS AT
22 THE TOP OF OUR AGENDA, PUT IT HIGH ON OUR RADAR SCREEN. SAYING
23 THAT THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE TIME IS NO EXCUSE. AT THE END OF
24 THE DAY, IT'S THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD WHO ARE HELD
25 ACCOUNTABLE BY THE PUBLIC. YOU HAVE ONLY SIX PEOPLE YOU CAN



1 HOLD ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE BALLOT BOX: THE SHERIFF AND THE FIVE
3 SUPERVISORS. AND I THINK FOR ME TO GO TO MY CONSTITUENTS AND
4 SAY "I'M SORRY, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO SPEND ON THE MOST
5 IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING THIS COUNTY", IT JUST DOESN'T CUT IT
6 WITH MY CONSTITUENTS. I DON'T THINK IT CUTS IT WITH ANYBODY
7 ELSE'S. IF WE HAVEN'T DEVOTED ENOUGH TIME TO IT, PERHAPS WE
8 HAVEN'T, CERTAINLY WE HADN'T IN PRIOR YEARS, THEN LET'S SPEND
9 THE TIME NOW GOING FORWARD. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL NEEDS TO
10 ACCOUNT TO US. THAT'S WHAT YOUR COMMISSION DEVELOPED. THOSE
11 ARE THE STRICTURES YOU PROPOSED.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SOMEHOW SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MIC WENT
14 OFF.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE WE GO.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARK TURNED IT OFF.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. [LAUGHTER.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WAS WITH HIM UNTIL HE STARTED SAYING
23 "MEET MORE TIMES." HE TIMED IT PERFECTLY AS HE'S ABOUT TO
24 RETIRE, HE WANTS THE BOARD TO MEET MORE OFTEN. THANKS A LOT,
25 ZEV.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL BE HAPPY TO COME BACK AND JOIN YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU KNEW YOU SET ME UP ON THAT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS NOT A LAUGHING MATTER. AS MUCH AS
7 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I LIKE TO LAUGH, THIS IS NOT A LAUGHING
8 MATTER. WE NEED TO DEVOTE THE TIME. AND WE NEED TO GIVE THE
9 INSPECTOR GENERAL THE ACCESS TO US AS HE'S GOING TO SEEK
10 ACCESS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK
11 TO DO IN CONVINCING THE SHERIFF THAT HE NEEDS TO NOT JUST
12 COOPERATE IN WORDS BUT IN DEEDS. FOR THIS TO WORK, WE CAN'T
13 GET THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO MAKE THIS WORK, NO CITIZENS'
14 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS EVER GOING TO COME CLOSE TO WORKING
15 AND WOULD BE VERY FRUSTRATED. THEN WE'LL BE SPENDING TIME
16 REFEREEING NOT BETWEEN YOU AND THE SHERIFF BUT BETWEEN YOU AND
17 THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE BOARD AND EVERYBODY ELSE. THE
18 TIME IS NOW TO LET YOU DO YOUR JOB. I THINK THE TIME IS NOW
19 FOR US TO LOOK AND WE HAVE A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL
20 SOME MONTHS AGO. IT'S A ROAD MAP OF THE LEGISLATION WE NEED
21 BOTH STATEWIDE AND CHARTER CHANGES THAT WOULD GIVE US THE
22 AUTHORITY TO CREATE A MEANINGFUL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IF THE
23 BOARD SO CHOSE. BUT THE JOB WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS GIVE THE
24 INSPECTOR GENERAL HIS MARCHING ORDERS AND THEN YOU NEED TO GO
25 MARCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW GO TO
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE SUBMIT TO YOU BOTH IF YOU WILL JUST STAY
4 AVAILABLE, PROBABLY AT THE END. OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
5 SPEAKERS WITH CONCURRENCE FROM MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND OTHERS,
6 MY COLLEAGUES, SPEAKERS WILL BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE. AND I WILL
7 CALL YOU IN SERIES OF FOUR. FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS ARE: PATRISSE
8 CULLORS. MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON. SANDRA NEAL. STEVE ROGERS.

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10 **PATRISSE CULLORS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PATRISSE CULLORS.
11 I'M FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW
12 AND THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS. OUR
13 COALITION HAS BEEN DEMANDING THAT THIS BOARD CREATE PERMANENT
14 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST
15 TWO YEARS. SOME OF YOU ARGUE THAT THE OVERSIGHT BODY WOULD BE
16 INEFFECTIVE IF IT DOES NOT HAVE LEGAL POWERS. WE SAY THREE
17 THINGS ON THIS. ONE, THE COALITION WILL FIGHT FOR THE
18 OVERSIGHT BODY TO HAVE LEGAL POWERS EVENTUALLY. TWO, THE BOARD
19 IF WORRIED ABOUT LEGAL POWERS SHOULD GO AND SUPPORT THE
20 COMMUNITY IN LOBBYING FOR LEGAL POWERS. AND, THREE, A BOARD,
21 EVEN IF ADVISORY, CAN WORK WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO
22 PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY AN AVENUE TO MAKE COMPLAINTS, KEEP A
23 SPOTLIGHT ON THE DEPARTMENT AND TO HOST AND ENGAGE PUBLIC
24 FORUMS. WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO APPOINT A REVIEW BOARD? THE
25 I.G. ISN'T THE COMMUNITY. WHEN MY BROTHER WAS BRUTALIZED, OUR



1 FAMILY HAD NOWHERE TO GO. IT IS UP TO YOU TODAY, SUPERVISORS,
2 TO SUPPORT AND UPLIFT COMMUNITIES BY PUSHING FOR PERMANENT
3 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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7 **MARK ANTHONY-JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING. MARK ANTHONY-JOHNSON WITH
8 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF
9 VIOLENCE. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THIS BOARD
10 ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEVEL OF CONCERN AROUND BOTH POWERS AND
11 ADVISORY FUNCTION OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. A FEW WEEKS AGO
12 RICHARD DROOYAN GAVE A REPORT ON THE C.C.J.V. RECOMMENDATIONS
13 WHERE TERRI MCDONALD ACKNOWLEDGED A 27 PERCENT INCREASE OF
14 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN THE IN LYNWOOD. SHE ATTRIBUTED IT TO
15 THE RISE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS.
16 L.A. COUNTY JAILS IS STILL THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY
17 IN THE COUNTRY OF THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD. THAT
18 BEING SAID WE NEED THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE THE MOST EFFECTIVE
19 FORM OF OVERSIGHT AND A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BODY EVEN IN AN
20 ADVISORY FUNCTION COULD COORDINATE WITH THE O.I.G. TO BE THE
21 MOST EFFECTIVE VOICE. FOLKS WHO ARE COMING OUT OF THE JAILS,
22 FOLKS WHO ARE IN THE COMMUNITY KNOW FIRSTHAND HAVE A
23 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF WISDOM OF HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS.
24 SECONDLY, THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS IS, IN THE L.A. COUNTY
25 COMMUNITY BLACK FOLKS ARE 9 PERCENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY



1 COMMUNITY. WE ARE 43 PERCENT OF THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH SERIOUS
2 MENTAL ILLNESS HELD IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS. WE NEED TO BE
3 LOOKING AT BOTH THE GENDER AND THE DIMENSIONS OF OVERSIGHT AND
4 AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION CAN HELP FILTER THAT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TIME'S UP. THANK YOU. NEXT?
7 NEXT?

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9 **SANDRA NEAL:** HELLO, MY NAME IS AND SANDRA NEAL AND I AM A
10 NURSE AND I TEACH ALLIED HEALTH IN EAST L.A. DISTRICT ONE. AND
11 I AM A MEMBER OF THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN L.A.
12 JAILS. WHEN I SPOKE HERE LAST YEAR I DESCRIBED THE EVENTS OF
13 MY SON'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE DEPUTIES AT THE INMATE RECEPTION
14 CENTER THREE YEARS AGO. I TOOK MY COMPLAINT ABOUT HIS BRUTAL
15 ASSAULT THAT LEFT HOSPITALIZED ALL THE WAY UP THE CHAIN OF
16 COMMAND EVEN TO LEE BACA DIRECTLY. NO EXPLANATION WAS EVER
17 VOLUNTEERED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MY SON IS STILL
18 PUTTING HIS LIFE BACK TOGETHER AND STILL STRUGGLES WITH THE
19 TRAUMA OF THAT INCIDENT. AND I AM STILL HEARING STORIES FROM
20 MY STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR CONTACT WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
21 WE ARE TAX PAYERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND WE PAY THE
22 SALARIES OF THESE PERPETRATORS OF EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE AND
23 THE RESULTING COST OF LITIGATION. IT IS TIME WE HAVE A VOICE
24 TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND WHEN THEY DO
25 NOT FOLLOW POLICY. WE NEED TRANSPARENCY. WE NEED CHANGE. I



1 BELIEVE THAT A CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS A HUGE STEP IN
2 THAT DIRECTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? AND THEN I WOULD ASK,
5 STEVE, BEFORE YOU START, I WOULD ASK KELVIN SAULS. DELORIS
6 GLASS. ALICE HARRIS. AND GREG AKILI. GO AHEAD, STEVE.

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8 **STEVE ROGERS:** STEVE ROGERS, DIGNITY AND POWER. THIS NATION IS
9 HAVING A PROBLEM WITH INCARCERATION. I THINK THAT IS CLEAR.
10 THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT OR WE WOULD NEED A
11 MUCH BIGGER ROOM. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME HERE TODAY BECAUSE
12 WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS TODAY. WE CAN TELL THIS STATE
13 HERE TODAY THAT LOS ANGELES IS READY TO MOVE FORWARD AND LOS
14 ANGELES IS READY TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WILL IT BE A
15 COMPLETE ANSWER? NO. IT'S A FIRST STEP. BUT WE WILL HAVE A
16 JOURNEY TO GO THROUGH. BUT WALK WITH US ON THIS. SHOW US THAT
17 YOU GUYS ARE WILLING TO LISTEN TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. THE
18 AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE INTEGRITY
19 OF THIS BOARD TO DO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. WHEN I ANNOUNCED
20 THIS AT CHURCH, "HEY, YOU SHOULD COME TO THIS." SO MANY PEOPLE
21 WERE LIKE, "HEY, I WOULD GO BUT THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO LISTEN.
22 THEY HAVE IT TOO GOOD. IT WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING. YOU'RE
23 WASTING YOUR TIME." WE ARE HERE, NOT BECAUSE THIS NEEDS TO
24 CHANGE BUT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IT STILL CAN. WE BELIEVE
25 THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN DO HERE. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR VOICE



1 COUNTS AND THAT YOU GUYS ARE LISTENING. AND THAT YOU WILL DO
2 THE RIGHT THING.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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6 **ALICE HARRIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM THE LADY THAT CALLED SWEET
7 ALICE HARRIS. LIVED IN WATTS FOR 60 YEARS. AND I KNOW MY
8 SUPERVISORS, AND I KNOW YOU ALL GOING TO LISTEN TO US. I KNOW
9 YOU ARE GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE DO NEED THAT OVERSIGHT
10 COMMITTEE. WE KNOW THAT MOST OF THE FOLKS WE KNOW YOU DON'T
11 KNOW BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SLOGAN IN THE JAIL "WE FAMILY MEMBERS
12 AND MEMBERS DON'T TELL ON OTHER MEMBERS." BUT WE GET IT. WE
13 DON'T HAVE TIME TO WAIT. BECAUSE WE ARE LOSING OUR YOUNG
14 PEOPLE. TOO MANY EVERY DAY. I HAVE A FAMILY NOW I'M WORKING
15 WITH, THE BOY IS 24 YEARS OLD, WAS IN JAIL OVERNIGHT. THE NEXT
16 MORNING, HE'S PARALYZED FROM HIS WAIST DOWN. 24 YEARS OLD.
17 THEY DIDN'T KNOW -- THEY THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD. SO THEY CARRIED
18 HIM TO THE HOSPITAL. BUT HE LIVED AND SAID THEY WERE BEATING
19 HIM UPSIDE THE WALL. AND THE WALLS ARE CONCRETE. THAT'S WHAT
20 HAPPENED TO HIM. YOU ALL LISTENING TO US BECAUSE WE LISTEN TO
21 YOU ALL. Y'ALL KNOW THAT. WE NEED THAT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
22 AND WE DON'T NEED TO WAIT. BECAUSE WAIT BROKE THE WAGON DOWN.
23 CAN'T WAIT. CAN'T WAIT. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT?



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2 **KELVIN SAULS:** MY NAME IS REVEREND KELVIN SAULS. AND I HAVE THE
3 PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AT THE SENIOR PASTOR AT THE HOLMAN UNITED
4 METHODIST CHURCH AND THE CO-CONVENER FOR THE COALITION CALLED
5 JUSTICE, NOT JAILS. THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 OVERSEER OF THE LARGEST LOCAL JAIL SYSTEM IN THE U.S. AND
7 INDEED THE WORLD CONTINUES TO HAVE A DISTURBING, UNACCEPTABLE
8 HISTORY OF DECADES LONG BRUTALITY AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONDUCT
9 TOWARDS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND TOWARDS PEOPLE OF COLOR IN
10 PARTICULAR. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR BREAKING THE LAW IS NO LICENSE
11 TO VIOLATE ANY PERSON'S CIVIL RIGHTS, NOR THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY.
12 LACK OF COMPLETE ACCESSIBILITY IS APPALLING AND INCREASES
13 INSTITUTIONAL SUSPICION. ONGOING TESTIMONIES FROM VICTIMS AND
14 THEIR FAMILIES, PERSISTENT LITIGATION COSTS AND FEDERAL
15 INVESTIGATIONS OF THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS RESULTED
16 IN SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS. ONE, A CULTURE OF ARROGANCE AND ABUSE
17 IN CIVILITY AND BRUTALITY CONTINUES. TWO, THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE WILLINGNESS, THE COURAGE NOR THE
19 ABILITY TO POLICE ITSELF. THREE, THE SUPERVISORS HAVE THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO BRING SYNERGY BETWEEN AUTHORITY AND
21 ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY AND DIGNITY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

24



1 **KELVIN SAULS:** AND SO, THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CAN NO
2 LONGER REMAIN A LAW UNTO ITSELF. TOO MANY LIVES, FAMILIES AND
3 COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN CRUELLY SHATTERED BY DEPUTY MISCONDUCT.
4 BY VOTING FOR A CIVILIAN COMMISSION, YOU ARE VOICING YOUR
5 CAPABILITY OF HOLDING THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 ACCOUNTABLE AND WE BELIEVE A ROBUSTLY ACTIVE CIVILIAN
7 COMMISSION CAN ONLY STRENGTHEN THE MISSION OF THE INSPECTOR
8 GENERAL. ANY FURTHER DELAY TO COMPLETE ACCESSIBILITY AND FULL
9 ACCOUNTABILITY IS A MORAL FAILURE OF THIS BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I JUST WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO
12 PLEASE ABIDE BY THE TIME LIMIT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS,
13 OVER A HUNDRED I BELIEVE SIGNED UP. SO NEXT?

14

15 **DELORIS GLASS:** MY NAME IS REVEREND DELORIS GLASS. PASTOR OF
16 THE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH. PRESIDENT OF CONCERNED CITIZENS
17 OF WILLOWBROOK. FOR SOME 53 YEARS AS A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY
18 OF LOS ANGELES. I'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS SITUATIONS
19 WHERE JUSTICE WAS LEFT IN QUESTION, WHICH CAUSED OF DEEP
20 CONCERN AS WELL AS OUTRAGE ON THE PARTS OF OURSELVES AS
21 RESIDENTS. I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT THE CREATION OF THIS
22 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WILL BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ON
23 THE ROAD TO FURTHER REFORM. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL
24 ENSURE, CAUSE US TO BE IN A PLACE WHERE WE CAN BEGIN TO ENSURE
25 JUSTICE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED,



1 COLOR, ECONOMIC STATUS. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL STRENGTHEN
2 THE ELEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. I BELIEVE
3 THAT JUSTICE THAT IS DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED. I DON'T THINK
4 WE CAN WAIT. ALSO IN THE WORDS OF A VERY WISE BARBECUE
5 RESTAURANTEUR, WHO SAID "IF YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT TENDERIZER,
6 YOU NEED NO TEETH TO EAT MY BEEF."

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I LIKE THAT ONE. [LAUGHTER.] YOU HAVE TO
9 FOLLOW THAT, OKAY?

10

11 **GREG AKILI:** MAKES YOU WANT TO RUSH OUT AND OPEN UP A BARBECUE
12 STAND.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXACTLY. SIR, BEFORE YOU START, OBDULIO
15 OLIVIA LIRA, KIM MCGILL, DAYVON WILLIAMS AND REVEREND PETER
16 LAARMAN. PLEASE COME UP.

17

18 **GREG AKILI:** CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS GREG
19 AKILI AND I'M FROM THE BLACK COMMUNITY CLERGY AND LABOR
20 ALLIANCE. AND WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE OVERSIGHT
21 COMMITTEE. THE ABUSES IN THE JAILS, THE NUMBER OF SHOOTINGS IN
22 OUR COMMUNITY HAS CREATED VERY POOR RELATIONSHIPS, A LACK OF
23 CONFIDENCE AND A LACK OF TRUST WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
24 ONE WAY TO BEGIN TO RESTORE SOME OF THAT TRUST IS THE TO HAVE
25 A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. TO HAVE ADDITIONAL EYES AND



1 EARS AND VOICES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY. IT TOOK MANY YEARS
2 OF STRUGGLE. IT TOOK A FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE TO FINALLY BEGIN
3 TO MOVE THE L.A.P.D. LET'S NOT DO THE SAME THING HERE. LET'S
4 STOP MOVING FROM CRISIS TO CRISIS. AN ADDITIONAL SET OF EYES
5 AND EARS, AN ADDITIONAL VOICE CAN HELP RESTORE SOME OF THE
6 TRUST THAT NO LONGER EXISTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. B.C.C.L.A. IS
7 CALLING ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO GET ON THE RIGHT SIDE
8 OF HISTORY AND THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PEOPLE AND APPOINT AND
9 SUPPORT A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

12

13 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS, I'M A YOUTH
14 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND MEMBER OF L.A.
15 NO MORE JAILS AND CURB, CALIFORNIA UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE
16 BUDGET. I WAS ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY AND SENTENCED TO A YEAR IN
17 COUNTY JAIL. DURING MY TIME OF INCARCERATION I WAS PLACED INTO
18 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR TWO WEEKS, 24 HOURS A DAY. I HAVE
19 EPILEPSY. AND I HAD A SEIZURE WHILE I WAS IN THERE AND THE
20 GUARDS AND THE CELL MATES CALLED THE GUARDS BUT THEY THOUGHT I
21 WAS PLAYING AND THEY PUT ME INTO THE HOLE FOR THAT REASON.
22 AFTER A FEW DAYS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, I STARTED TO FEEL
23 LIKE I WAS GOING CRAZY, IMAGINATION GOING AROUND. LOOKED BACK
24 AND REALIZED HOW CREATIVE THE MIND CAN BE BUT DANGEROUS AT THE
25 SAME TIME. YOU CAN LOSE YOUR SANITY IN THERE. SO I HAD SEVERAL



1 EPILEPTIC SEIZURES WHILE I WAS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT BECAUSE
2 THEY DIDN'T ALWAYS BRING ME MY MEDICINE AND DIDN'T ALWAYS
3 BRING THE RIGHT AMOUNT IF THEY DID BRING IT. AND STRESS IS ONE
4 OF THE MAIN TRIGGERS OF MY SEIZURES. THERE WERE NO BOOKS, NO
5 PAPERS, NO PENS, NO ANYTHING TO ADDRESS THE COMPLETE BOREDOM
6 THAT WAS GOING ON. SO MY EXPERIENCE IS AND EXPERIENCES OF
7 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY JAILS --

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE WRAP UP.

11

12 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY SHERIFFS AND OTHER
13 FAMILY MEMBERS. SO I AM SUGGESTING WE STAND HERE STRONG TODAY
14 THAT THE SHERIFFS BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE INHUMANE AND
15 CRUEL ACTIONS THEY TAKE TOWARDS OUR COMMUNITY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** I WANT AT LEAST ONE YOUTH.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK THANK YOU. NEXT?

22

23 **OBDULIO LIRA:** (INTERPRETER SPEAKING) MY NAME IS OBDULIO LIRA,
24 AND I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M THE PARENT OF A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS A
25 VICTIM OF THE SHERIFF. THIS HAPPENED IN CITY TERRACE ON



1 SEPTEMBER 10TH OF LAST YEAR 2013. I'M HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO
2 KNOW WHY AREN'T PEOPLE TALKING MORE ABOUT THESE THINGS THAT
3 ARE HAPPENING LIKE WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT? I DON'T THINK BUT
4 I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN EXCESSIVE FORCE BECAUSE IN MY
5 SON'S CASE THEY BEAT HIM BEFORE ACTUALLY SHOOTING HIM. HE WAS
6 RUNNING TO SAVE HIS LIFE BEFORE THE SHERIFF SHOT HIM IN THE
7 BACK. THIS IS ILLEGAL TO SHOOT SOMEONE IN THE BACK. WE FEEL WE
8 KNOW THAT PAUL TANAKA WAS ONE OF THE RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE FOR
9 ALLOWING THIS PERSON THE SHERIFF TO BE ON THE STREET THAT WAS
10 INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING. WE KNOW THAT THIS MAN WHO WAS
11 INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING WAS NOT WELL IN THE HEAD AND SHOULD
12 NOT HAVE BEEN ON THE STREET AND BE ALLOWED TO BE PATROLLING.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GRACIAS. NEXT?

15

16 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KIM MCGILL, I AM AN
17 ORGANIZER WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND HOPE THAT THE
18 CAMERAS WILL CAPTURE WHAT IS REALLY TRULY HISTORIC ABOUT
19 TODAY. I WANT TO ASK THAT EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE STAND WHO
20 SUPPORTS COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF. I
21 COME HERE TODAY AS A WITNESS TO COUNTY JAIL CONDITIONS, AS
22 SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN DETAINED SEVERAL TIMES IN COUNTY JAIL I
23 HAVE SEEN THE LACK OF HEALTH CARE, THE BRUTALITY AND THE
24 VERBAL LACERATIONS WE TAKE INSIDE. I HAVE STOOD ON THE
25 VISITING LINE NUMEROUS TIMES WITH FAMILIES AND WE FOUGHT FOR



1 YEARS TO GET BATHROOMS ON THE LINE, TO GET WATER FOUNTAINS ON
2 THE LINE, JUST TO GET SHORTER VISITING SO YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO
3 STAND IN LINE IN THE HEAT OF THE DAY OR IN RAIN FOR FIVE
4 HOURS. WE HAVE HAD TO FIGHT FOR THERE COULD BE PUBLIC FORUMS
5 AFTER FAMILIES HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES TO SHERIFF'S
6 SHOOTINGS AND HAVE STOOD IN FAMILY COURT AS THEY FOUGHT FOR
7 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN COMPENSATION FOR THOSE SHOOTINGS. AND
8 YET THROUGH ALL OF THAT, WE HAVE NEVER HAD TRUE OVERSIGHT OR
9 EVEN A TRUE ABILITY TO TALK REGULARLY TO THE SHERIFFS AND TO
10 OUR COUNTY-ELECTED OFFICIALS ABOUT THE CONDITIONS WE ENDURED.
11 AS THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND ALL THE OTHER COALITION
12 MEMBERS TODAY. WE ARE ASKING NOT JUST FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
13 BUT OVERSIGHT OF NINE MEMBERS SO THAT WE ALSO HAVE OUR
14 REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD, A YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, SOMEONE
15 WHO HAS BEEN LOCKED UP IN THE COUNTY JAILS AND A
16 REPRESENTATIVE OF A FAMILY MEMBER WHO BURIED A LOVED ONE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **KIM MCGILL:** FINALLY WE ARE NOT THE PROPERTY OF THE L.A. COUNTY
21 JAILS IN FACT THE COUNTY JAILS ARE OUR PROPERTY THEY BELONG TO
22 US.

23



1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU. SUSAN
2 LAEMMLE, IF YOU'D JOIN US. ARYEH COHEN, CHRISTINA RONQUIST,
3 AND MARK DWORKIN.

4

5 **PETER LAARMAN:** I'M REVEREND PETER LAARMAN WITH THE JUSTICE NOT
6 JAILS COALITION AND I WANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF AUTHORITY,
7 WHICH WE HEARD VOICED MANY TIMES TODAY. AUTHORITY TAKES MANY
8 FORMS. AND ONE FORM IT TAKES IS AN INFORMED AND ENGAGED
9 COMMUNITY VOICE, AN EMPOWERED COMMUNITY SPEAKING THROUGH THE
10 COMMISSION TO THE I.G. AND THE BOARD AND OF COURSE THE
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT'S A HUGE FORM OF AUTHORITY. IT IS
12 NOT MEANINGLESS BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION. I WANT TO
13 ALSO ASK WHETHER THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WHO WAS JUST HERE AND
14 WHO ADMITTED THIS MORNING THAT THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF DOES NOT
15 TAKE HIM VERY SERIOUSLY, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IS HE GOING
16 TO BE ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY VOICES AND GETTING THAT KIND
17 OF AUTHORITY FOR HIS WORK? I RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT HE WILL NOT
18 DO THAT. AND AS THE LOS ANGELES TIMES EDITORIALIZED OVER THE
19 WEEKEND, IT WILL BE JUST ANOTHER MONITOR, NO REAL SIGNIFICANT
20 CHANGE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE WRAP IT UP.

23

24 **PETER LAARMAN:** WE NEED TO TURN THE PAGE. THANK YOU.

25



1 **ARYEH COHEN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ARYEH CHOEN, I'M A
2 RABBI IN LOS ANGELES AND DISTRICT 2, I TEACH AT THE AMERICAN
3 JEWISH UNIVERSITY. I'M HERE TODAY WITH CLUE L.A. AND THE BLACK
4 JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE. AS FAITH LEADERS WE COUNT ON THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE CIVILIAN
6 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
7 THE JEWISH TRADITION PLAYS A PREMIUM ON THE EQUAL AND FAIR
8 APPLICATION OF JUSTICE TO ALL. RABBIS INTERPRET THEIR VERSE
9 "YOU SHALL HAVE ONE LAW" TO MEAN A LAW WHICH IS EQUALLY
10 APPLIED TO ALL. ADDITIONALLY JEWISH TRADITION STRESSES THE
11 FACT THAT EVEN THE WORST PUNITIVE MEASURES THAT ARE METED OUT
12 BY THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM MUST STILL PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF THE
13 ONE BEING PUNISHED. NEITHER OF THESE CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED BY
14 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN WHICH THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION
15 DOCUMENTED UNCONTROLLED VIOLENCE TAKES PLACE. LOS ANGELES
16 JAILS HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED AS SOME OF THE WORSE IN THE NATION
17 BECAUSE OF THE CULTURE OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN DEPUTIES AND
18 INMATES. WE THE CITIZENS IN WHOSE NAMES THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE
19 INCARCERATED HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S A
20 PATH OF RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. WE ARE UNDER
21 OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO NOT DESTROY HUMAN DIGNITY,
22 THE IMAGE OF GOD IN WHICH EACH PERSON WAS CREATED THROUGH THE
23 EXPERIENCE OF INCARCERATION. WE CAN ONLY FULFILL THAT
24 OBLIGATION BY WAY OF A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD.
25



1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **MARC DWORKIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RABBI MARC DWORKIN, I'M
4 HERE WITH CLUE L.A. AND I'M NOT HERE AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 EXPERT. AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUE JUST BASICALLY DESCRIBED WHAT
6 MOTIVATES ME TO BE HERE. AND I WAS OBSERVING IN THE ROOM OF
7 WHAT'S LACKING. AND FOR ME WHAT IS LACKING IS THAT SENSE OF
8 TRUST THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO BE MOVING FORWARD. I MEAN, I
9 HEARD THE LEGISLATIVE LOG JAM AND I HEARD THAT AFTER SIX
10 MONTHS THERE'S NOTHING COMING OUT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S
11 OFFICE. AND I THINK WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS SOMEHOW COME UP
12 WITH A PLAN AND PERHAPS THIS IS THE ONE. GET TRUST BACK IN THE
13 ROOM TO INVOLVE PEOPLE. BECAUSE THIS IS A COMMUNITY. AND THE
14 COMMUNITY NEEDS TO SPEAK. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUSAN LAEMMLEL** I'M RABBI SUSAN LAEMMLE AND I'M EMERITUS DEAN
19 **OF RELIGIOUS LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.**
20 **WHEN I WAS IN THAT POSITION AS, IN EFFECT, THE UNIVERSITY**
21 **CHAPLAIN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE CREATED**
22 **AN ETHICAL FRAMEWORK FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE THAT ENABLED SOME 50**
23 **STUDENT RELIGIOUS GROUPS, NOW THERE ARE ABOUT 90, VIRTUALLY**
24 **EVERY RELIGION ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH, TO GET ALONG AND TO**
25 **CREATE A CIVIL DISCOURSE AND A MEANINGFUL SPIRITUAL LIFE FOR**



1 U.S.C. STUDENTS. WE DID THAT BY CREATING A FRAMEWORK THAT HAD
2 THE QUALITIES THAT ARE BEING CALLED FOR TODAY TRANSPARENCY,
3 ACCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND THIS KIND OF TRUST THAT MY
4 COLLEAGUE RABBI DWORKIN IS CALLING FOR. HEARING ALL THE
5 DISCOURSE, I WOULD SAY THAT THAT TRUST VEHICLE IS REALLY
6 LACKING AND THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO BRING IT TO THE FORE
7 NOW. I DON'T NEED TO REMIND EVERYONE HERE OF HILLEL'S TRIPLE
8 MAXIM "IF NOT FOR MYSELF WHO AM I? IF I'M ONLY FOR MYSELF WHAT
9 AM I? IF NOT NOW WHEN?" I THINK IT APPLIES HERE AND THIS SEEMS
10 LIKE THE RIGHT MOMENT TO CREATE THE COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

11

12 >>SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. NEXT?

13

14 **KRISTINA RONNQUIST:** MY NAME IS KRISTINA RONNQUIST AND I'M A
15 WORKING M.S.W. ON MAY 6TH I MADE A PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD
16 IN WHICH I DESCRIBED GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS I
17 OBSERVED AS A MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORK INTERN AT C.R.D.F. THE
18 FEMALE COUNTY JAIL IN LYNNWOOD. HERE I ALSO WITNESSED
19 ABSOLUTELY NO AVENUES FOR INMATES TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE
20 CONDITIONS THEMSELVES. DENIED THE REQUEST TO ALL A.C.L.U. NOT
21 LET OUT OF THEIR CELL. RETALIATED BY CUSTODY STAFF WHEN
22 REQUESTING COMPLAINT FORMS AND IGNORED BY THEIR JAIL MENTAL
23 HEALTH CLINICIANS WHEN INMATES COMPLIED ABOUT CUSTODY ABUSE.
24 THESE WOMEN ARE NOT HEARD. MY EXPERIENCE ALSO SHOWED NO SAFE
25 AVENUES FOR JAIL STAFF TO COMPLAINT, EITHER. EVEN SO, I



1 COMMUNICATED MY CONCERNS TO JAIL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM HEAD
2 AND TOP C.R.D.F. OFFICIALS AND NOTHING WAS DONE. IT IS FOR
3 THESE REASONS THAT I BELIEVE A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD WITH
4 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE POWERS IS ESSENTIAL. WITHOUT THIS,
5 INMATES AND JAIL STAFF ALIKE ARE FORCED TO COMMUNICATE THEIR
6 CONCERNS TO THE PERPETRATORS THEMSELVES. THIS IS NEITHER SAFE
7 NOR IS IT EFFECTIVE. IN CONCLUSION I URGE THE BOARD TO
8 CONSIDER THE D.O.J.'S RECENT FINDINGS AND LONG-STANDING
9 PATTERN OF ABUSES. WITHOUT THIS INMATES WILL CONTINUE TO
10 SUFFER IN JAILS AND STAFF WILL NOT SPEAK OUT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ASK YOU WHEN YOU SUBMITTED YOUR COMPLAINT TO
13 THE C.R.D.F. STAFF?

14

15 **KRISTINA RONNQUIST:** IN MAY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** OF THIS YEAR?

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19 **KRISTINA RONNQUIST:** YES.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND UNDER YOUR THAT.

22

23 **KRISTINA RONNQUIST:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JONATHAN KLEIN, DIANA ZUNIGA.
3 NYABINGI KUTI, WHITNEY RICHARDS-CALATHES? I MAY HAVE IT WRONG.
4 I APOLOGIZE.

5

6 **JOHATHAN KLEIN:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH. RABBI JOHNSON
7 CLINE FROM CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. AND I
8 WANT TO JUST ECHO MANY OF THE REMARKS OF MY RABBINICAL
9 COLLEAGUES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING A MORE
10 TRUSTING SYSTEM IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM HERE. THAT IS, THAT EVEN
11 THOUGH THERE IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS INSPECTOR GENERAL'S
12 POSITION, THERE STILL SEEMS TO BE ENOUGH OF A SENSE THAT IT'S
13 NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO DO WHAT IT NEEDS TO DO. AND SO OUR
14 CONSTANT CONCERN HERE IS THAT THERE REALLY BE ESTABLISHED
15 SYSTEMS. AND WHEN THERE'S A FIRE IN A HOUSE, YOU DON'T WORRY
16 ABOUT WHO GOES IN FIRST AND WHETHER THAT PERSON HAS THE
17 RANKING POSITION. YOU GO IN AND SAY "GET IN THERE AND SAVE AS
18 MANY LIVES AS YOU CAN." AND WE'RE ASKING FOR THAT TYPE OF
19 URGENCY BECAUSE WE REALLY CAN'T WAIT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT
20 THERE ARE OTHER APPROACHES THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING
21 TOWARD. BUT THERE IS NOTHING THAT WILL UNDERMINE THOSE STEPS
22 GOING FORWARD. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE ARE GOING TO JEOPARDIZE
23 THAT PROCESS BY HAVING A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP.



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2 **JONATHAN KLEIN:** I DO HAVE A LETTER SIGNED BY 50 COMMUNITY
3 MEMBERS, RABBIS AND JEWISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GIVE IT TO THE SHERIFF. WE'LL MAKE IT
6 PART OF THE RECORD. THANK YOU.

7

8 **JONATHAN KLEIN:** FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

11

12 **JONATHAN KLEIN:** YES.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT FOR EVERYBODY ELSE?

15

16 **JONATHAN KLEIN:** IT'S FOR YOU AS A MEMBER OF OUR JEWISH
17 COMMUNITY, YES.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH YOU
20 ABOUT THAT SOMETIME. I THINK THAT THAT -- I'LL JUST HAVE A
21 PRIVATE CONVERSATION. IT'S NOT APPROPRIATE FROM MY POINT OF
22 VIEW.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

25



1 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA, I'M REPRESENTING
2 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND L.A. NO MORE
3 JAILS. IT IS APPALLING TO ME THAT WE ARE HERE FIGHTING TO
4 CREATE A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD WHILE THE BOARD HAS APPROVED A
5 \$2 BILLION JAIL PLAN. AND TODAY IS TRYING TO APPROVE 14.5
6 MILLION MORE DOLLARS TO CONTINUE WITH THIS MASSIVE JAIL PLAN.
7 THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD CONTINUE BUILDING WHEN WE
8 HEAR HOW VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA IS INCREASING IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM.
9 WHEN MY FATHER AND FAMILY MEMBERS WERE BRUTALIZED BY THE L.A.
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THE STREETS AND IN YOUR JAILS, MY
11 FAMILY HAD NOWHERE TO TURN. THIS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WOULD
12 CREATE AN ENTITY THAT WOULD HELP FAMILIES AND IMPACTED PEOPLE
13 FEEL COMFORTABLE TO EXPRESS AND FIND JUSTICE FOR THEIR
14 COMMUNITIES. I HOPE THAT TODAY AFTER HEARING THE CALLS FROM
15 OUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU SAY YES TO A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD AND
16 NO TO MORE MONEY FOR JAILS. WE NEED COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS AND
17 COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **WHITNEY RICHARDS-CALATHES:** HI, MY NAME IS WHITNEY RICHARDS-
22 CALATHES WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I THINK YOU HEARD
23 FROM NUMEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS TODAY ABOUT WHY A CIVILIAN
24 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS CRITICAL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I AGREE WITH THEM. I'D LIKE TO



1 CHALLENGE YOU, THOUGH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, BECAUSE YOU
2 SAID NO ONE IS MORE FRUSTRATED WITH SHERIFF CORRUPTION AND
3 VIOLENCE THAN YOU. I'D LIKE TO DISAGREE. I THINK THAT THERE
4 ARE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM WHO HAVE BEEN BEATEN, LOCKED UP,
5 KILLED BY SHERIFFS WITH NO AVENUE FOR JUSTICE. AND WE ARE THE
6 FRUSTRATED ONES. WE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT NEED ACCOUNTABILITY.
7 AND I URGE THAT THE COMMISSION HAS NINE MEMBERS THAT INCLUDE A
8 YOUTH, SOMEONE THAT HAS EXPERIENCED SHERIFF VIOLENCE, SOMEONE
9 THAT HAS BURIED A LOVED ONE WHO'S LOST SOMEBODY TO SHERIFF
10 VIOLENCE. I THINK WE NEED COMMUNITY VOICES ON THIS COMMISSION.
11 AND THAT WE REALLY, REALLY, REALLY NEED ACCOUNTABILITY BECAUSE
12 WE ARE THE FRUSTRATED ONES. BECAUSE I DO AGREE, YOU'RE RIGHT.
13 THIS IS NOT A LAUGHING MATTER.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ROSA MIRANDA. CARINA VASQUEZ.
16 DANIEL MARTINEZ. AND ADOLFO OLIVERA. THE FOUR OF YOU COME
17 FORWARD. I DO NEED AN INTERPRETER FOR ALL FOUR.

18

19 **ROSA MIRANDA:** (INTERPRETER SPEAKING) GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME
20 IS ROSA MIRANDA. I'M AN ORGANIZER FOR THE FIGHT OF THE
21 COMMUNITY. I'M HERE TO BASICALLY PLEAD THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE LISTEN TO OUR COALITION. AS YOU REALLY
23 KNOW, YOU ARE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF
24 THE M.T.A. THERE IS A CRIMINAL INJUSTICE FOR BEING RAISED FOR
25 THE BUS FARES. YOU HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO SAVE LIVES.



1 DON'T LEAVE FOR TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY. SUPERVISOR
2 GLORIA MOLINA, YOU HAVE BEEN VERY IMPORTANT PERSON THAT ON MAY
3 22ND, YOU MENTIONED THAT IT WAS GOING TO CREATE MORE TROUBLE
4 TO OUR COMMUNITY. I FEEL TODAY THERE'S ABOUT 1 MILLION FEES
5 THAT HAVE BEEN IMPOSED TO OUR CIVILIANS. THAT MEANS THAT BY
6 SEPTEMBER 15TH THERE WILL BE MORE INCREASE ON THE FEES AND
7 THAT MEANS THERE'S GOING TO BE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LATINOS
8 AND AFRO-AMERICANS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** (IN SPANISH). (CONVERSATION IN SPANISH).

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** (CONVERSATION IN SPANISH). (AWAITING
17 TRANSLATION).

18

19 **CARINA VASQUEZ:** (INTERPRETER SPEAKING) GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME
20 IS CARINA VASQUEZ AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE CONTROL OF A
21 JAIL VIOLENCE. AND I'M A STREET VENDOR, AS WELL. AS A STREET
22 VENDOR, I KNOW THAT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO MIGHT NOT BE
23 RIGHT, BUT IT'S NOT FAIR THAT WE NOT GETTING THE RESPECT THAT
24 WE DESERVE FROM THE SHERIFF DEPUTIES. AND THEY KEEP COMING TO
25 US ASKING THAT HOW COME WE DON'T HAVE A JOB? AND WE'RE THERE



1 ON THE STREET SELLING BECAUSE THAT'S OUR SOURCE OF EARNINGS.
2 WE JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT PLEASE MAINTAIN THE
3 RESPECT FOR THE STREET VENDORS. WE ARE THERE TO EARN A LIFE.
4 AND WE ASK THEM TO PLEASE HAVE THEM TO HAVE CONTROL OVER THAT
5 AND TO NOT BE DISRESPECTFUL TO US BECAUSE WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS,
6 AS WELL.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? I WOULD ASK AMANDA
9 ROJAS. SHE SPOKE ALREADY. EXCUSE ME, BEFORE YOU START? RAQUEL
10 ESPINOSA AND NOE ESPITIA. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

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12 **ADOLFO OLIVERA:** (INTERPRETER SPEAKING) GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME
13 IS ADOLFO OLIVERA. I'M HERE AT YOUR BOARD'S MEETING TO LET YOU
14 KNOW THAT WE'RE GETTING THE BAD TREATMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPUTIES. I'M AGREEING WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA ON HER MOTION TO
16 HAVE A COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I'VE
17 BEEN HERE BEFORE AND AS A STREET VENDOR, I KNOW THAT WE NEED
18 TO HAVE A BETTER RESPECT FROM THE DEPUTIES. I KNOW THAT THE
19 STREET VENDORS, SOMETIMES WE DO ILLEGAL SALES. BUT WE ARE
20 WILLING TO PAY OUR TAXES IF NEEDED. WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT IF
21 YOU LET US DO OURSELVES IN THE STREET, THEN WE ARE WILLING TO
22 PAY OUR TAXES. ON THE 30TH, I WAS ARRESTED AND I WAS TREATED
23 AS IF I WAS CRIMINAL JUST BECAUSE I WAS SELLING ON THE STREET.
24 AND THE ONLY THING I WAS DOING THAT DAY WAS ACTUALLY TO EARN



1 AN INCOME, TO HAVE BREAD ON THE TABLE, AND PROVIDE THE FOOD
2 FOR MY CHILDREN AND BE ABLE TO PAY THE RENT, AS WELL.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SPEAKER:** WHERE WERE YOU ARRESTED?

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8 **ADOLFO OLIVERA:** IN EAST L.A.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DANIEL MARTINEZ AND ADOLFO
11 OLIVERA. I CALLED THEM ALREADY. OKAY. GO AHEAD. WHOEVER'S
12 NEXT?

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14 **RAQUEL ESPINOZA:** (INTERPRETER SPEAKING) GOOD AFTERNOON. MY
15 NAME IS RAQUEL ESPINOSA. I LIVE IN COMPTON, CALIFORNIA. I'M
16 HERE TO REPRESENT THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS FROM COMPTON. THAT
17 HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE AND BRUTALITY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES.
18 AND THE SCHOOL POLICE, AS WELL. I'M HERE FOR YOU TO SUPPORT
19 THE CIVIL COALITION SO YOU CAN MONITOR THE ABUSE FROM THE
20 SHERIFFS. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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24 **SAADIA JACKSON:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS MISS JACKSON FROM LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY COALITION. I'M GOING TO ADDRESS EVERYBODY HERE



1 NEGATIVE BUT MY QUESTION TO THE BOARD IS: HOW ARE YOU GOING TO
2 REDIRECT THE COMMUNITY? HOW ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO PUT THIS IN
3 A FORMAT FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THE HOUSE OR TO THE SCHOOL? HOW
4 ARE YOU GOING TO REDIRECT THAT AND HEAR THE VOICE OF THE
5 CHILDREN THAT MAKE THE SAFETY HOLD FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO COME
6 OUT IN THE COMMUNITY EVEN THOUGH YOU DO HAVE YOUR EMPLOYEES
7 OUT THERE WHERE THEY WON'T BE HARASSED? THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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11 **NOE ESPITIA:** (INTERPRETER SPEAKING) GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
12 NOE ESPITIA. I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE STREET VENDORS OF
13 E.L.A. I WAS ARRESTED ON JANUARY 15TH OF THIS YEAR BECAUSE I
14 WAS SELLING FRUIT ON THE STREET. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IS
15 ILLEGAL. BUT HAVING SAID THAT, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT BECAUSE
16 WE'VE BEEN DISCRIMINATED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WOULD
17 LIKE TO ASK IF WE CAN GET SOME TYPE OF A PERMIT TO BE ABLE TO
18 DO OUR SALES ON THE STREET. IN THAT WAY, WE WON'T BE BOTHERED
19 BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WAS ARRESTED, AS WELL, ON
20 SEPTEMBER 15TH. I WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR \$400. AND THEN
21 BESIDES PAYING THE TICKET FOR \$400 I WAS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO DO
22 20 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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1 **AMADA:** (INTERPRETER SPEAKING) MY NAME IS AMADA.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME, I DIDN'T GET THE NAME.

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5 **AMADA WERNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AMADA. I'M HERE TO
6 PLEAD FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE BECAUSE I WAS ARRESTED. I AM A
7 STREET VENDOR. I SELL FRUIT. AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT THE
8 SHERIFF DEPUTIES ARE VERY AGGRESSIVE AND THEY'RE VERY NASTY
9 WITH US. WHAT I DO IS I SELL SOMETHING HEALTHY. IT IS GOOD
10 QUALITY FRUIT. I'M HERE TO PLEASE TO ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE
11 TO HELP US OUT AND TO STOP THE BRUTALITY FROM THE DEPUTIES
12 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. NOW I DO HAVE MY LICENSE TO
13 SELL ON THE STREET. AND I JUST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE
14 BRUTALITY TO STOP. AT THE TIME WHEN THERE WAS BRUTALITY, WHEN
15 I HAD THE ATTACK BY THE DEPUTIES, I WAS ASKING TO PLEASE HELP
16 ME OUT, BE ABLE TO HAVE, TO GET A PERMIT TO SELL MY FRUIT ON
17 THE STREET. AND I JUST WANT THE BRUTALITY TO STOP.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. TIME IS UP.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY HAVE TO APPLY TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
22 DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SELL FOOD BECAUSE OF
23 PTOMAININE POISONING.

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1 **AMANDA ROJAS:** (INTERPRETER) SHE WANTS TO SHOW YOU THAT SHE
2 FINALLY GOT THE PERMIT TO SELL AND SHE'S STILL BEING ABUSED BY
3 THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF SHE HAS A PERMIT THEN SHE IS LEGAL.

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7 **TRANSLATOR:** SHE IS SAYING THAT SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE
8 CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE BAD TREATMENT FROM THE DEPUTIES.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL?

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12 **AMANDA ROJAS:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND WESLEY WALKER AND BRAD HILLINJER. IS
15 HE HERE? AFTER THESE THREE SPEAKER, I'M GOING TO CALL ON
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. GO AHEAD, SIR.

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18 **BRAD HILLINGER:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
19 BRAD HILLINGER, FOUNDER OF TOWERS INDUSTRIES. LAST WEEK WHILE
20 OFFERING SUPPORT FOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION ON CUSTODY
21 ALTERNATIVES AND DIVERSIONS, I INTRODUCED MYSELF AS A SEVEN-
22 YEAR FRONTLINE OBSERVER OF WHAT GOES ON IN THE LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY JAILS. NOT ONLY HAVE I WITNESSED AND INTERACTED WITH
24 PRISONERS AND CUSTODY STAFF, SERVING AS A CHAPLAIN, I HAVE
25 ALSO WORKED WITH EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES



1 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. JANUARY OF 2012, SHERIFF BACA AND
2 CHIEF OF CUSTODY MET WITH OUR ORGANIZATION AND THE DEANS OF
3 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.
4 WE WERE ASKED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A FULL YEAR OF
5 INCARCERATION REENTRY PROGRAM INTO LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS.
6 THE PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO REHABILITATE, EDUCATE AND TO TRAIN
7 AND ASSIST INMATES AND SECURING JOBS UPON RELEASE. IN AUGUST
8 OF 2013, WE ENTERED INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE
9 COUNTY TO PROVIDE A PILOT PROGRAM TO THE COUNTY FOR THE COUNTY
10 ON A COST-NEUTRAL BASIS. IN OCTOBER OF 2013, U.S.C. SCHOOL OF
11 SOCIAL WORK CREATED A TEAM OF FACULTY ADMINISTRATORS AND
12 ASSIGNED TO THEIR TELEHEALTH PSYCHOTHERAPY UNIT TO LEAD THEIR
13 EFFORTS. IN DECEMBER ASSISTANT SHERIFF OF CUSTODY AND HER
14 STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S.C. AND OUR ORGANIZATION
15 ORDERED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM. DURING JANUARY
16 2014, STEPS TO FUND TOOK PLACE. IN FEBRUARY OUR TEAM, DEANS
17 FROM THE U.S.C., THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TELEHEALTH AND THE
18 NEW STAKEHOLDER GAMEDESK, A LEADING DEVELOPER OF EDUCATIONAL
19 CURRICULUM MET WITH REGGIE JONES SAWYER, THE 59TH DISTRICT WHO
20 SERVES AS COCHAIR ON THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE --

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME'S UP.

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24 **BRAD HILLINGER:** ASSEMBLY JONES SAWYER SAID HE WOULD CHAMPION
25 OUR EFFORTS. I HAVE COPIES OF THIS.



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SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT. WE WILL MAKE IT PART OF THE RECORD.

WESLEY WALKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS WESLEY WALKER. AND I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. AND I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND MARK RIDLEY- THOMAS, GLORIA MOLINA FOR THEIR INPUT ON THIS THING. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT DEFINITION OF INSANE IS THAT YOU'RE DOING THE SAME THING ALL OVER AGAIN. WE NEED A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD NOW. WE DON'T NEED IT LATER. WE NEED IT RIGHT NOW. FURTHERMORE, I OPPOSE THE JAIL EXPANSION. BECAUSE YOU CAN USE THAT MONEY FOR DIVERSION. YOU CAN USE THAT MONEY FOR MANY MORE THINGS OTHER THAN TO HOUSE PRISONERS THAT ARE NOT EVEN IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM YET. THOSE WHO ARE COMING OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, THEY NEED THAT MONEY, AS WELL.

SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MARTIZA GALVEZ AND ERIC PREVEN.

ERIC PREVEN: YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND I WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING VERY CLEAR, THAT IT IS NOT THE SHERIFF'S AUTHORITY THAT THE PUBLIC ARE CLAMORING FOR. IT IS THE POWER OF PUBLIC SCRUTINY. SO THE IDEA HERE IS THAT INDIVIDUALS LIKE WE'VE HEARD FROM STREET VENDORS TO



1 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED AND TREATED POORLY IN THE
2 JAILS TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR DETAINED ILLEGALLY,
3 ALL THESE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO. AND TALKING TO MAX
4 HUNTSMAN IS NOT SET UP THAT WAY. MAX HUNTSMAN IS A FANCY
5 LAWYER WHO HAS BEEN WORKING AT THE D.A. FOR 25 YEARS. HE'S
6 VERY LOYAL TO THIS BOARD WHO HAVE EMPOWERED HIM. WHY DON'T YOU
7 HAVE HIM BE THE ATTORNEY OR THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR A CITIZENS
8 COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT WORKING FOR THE COUNTY,
9 NOTICEABLY, NOT A PART OF ANY KIND OF BLUE CODE OR ANY OTHER
10 KIND OF CODE OF LOYALTY TO THIS INSTITUTION, BUT IN FACT TO
11 THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE EMPOWERED THIS INSTITUTION AND WHO HAVE
12 BROUGHT FORWARD MANY DIFFERENT PROPOSALS AND HAVE CRITICIZED
13 THE IDEAS THAT THE SHERIFF HAS PUT FORWARD AND HAVE BEEN MET
14 WITH SILENCE AND TOO BUSY AND WE'RE GETTING THERE AND SIX
15 MONTHS LATER AND THIS THAT AND THE OTHER. TIME NOW FOR
16 CIVILIANS TO PARTICIPATE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT, MA'AM?

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20 **MARITZA GALVEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS MARITZA GALVEZ, I'M A YOUTH
21 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AT THE AGE OF 11
22 YEARS OLD, I SAW MY MOTHER GET INCARCERATED. THIS WAS IN ONE
23 OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES WHERE NOT ONLY DOES
24 L.A.P.D. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RUN WILD BUT ALSO THE
25 HIGHWAY PATROL. MY MOTHER WAS TAKEN AWAY WHILE I WAS LEFT, AT



1 11 YEARS OLD, BY THESE THREE POLICE AGENCIES, PLUS ICE, ON THE
2 STREET. I WAS 11 YEARS OLD AND I WAS LEFT IN THE CARE OF
3 ANOTHER TWO-YEAR-OLD. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
4 AND THE VOICES THAT ARE NOT, THAT DON'T GET HEARD ARE MINE.
5 THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE OF COLOR, THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR
6 COMMUNITIES DON'T GET TO SAY WHAT HAPPENS. I USED TO LIVE IN
7 WATTS AND SIT ON MY STEPS AND SEE THE COPS, THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT WALKING YOUNG WOMEN HOME, WALKING AND FLIRTING WITH
9 THEM. AND THESE STORIES DON'T GET TOLD. SO I'M HERE WITH YOUTH
10 JUSTICE COALITION SUPPORTING CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND I'M HERE
11 TO SAY THAT YOUNG PEOPLE, PEOPLE WITH SYSTEM EXPERIENCE AND
12 PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST FAMILY MEMBERS TO POLICE VIOLENCE SHOULD
13 BE ON THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. LADIES
19 AND GENTLEMEN, THE TESTIMONY THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD UP
20 TO THIS POINT IN TIME HAS BEEN NOTEWORTHY IN A VARIETY OF
21 WAYS. A NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVE SIGNED UP TO BE HEARD, IT IS
22 NOT UNCUSTOMARY THAT WE AFFORD SUCH PERSONS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
23 WAIVE THAT NOT ONLY A PRIVILEGE BUT IT IS ESSENTIALLY RIGHT
24 ONCE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED IT. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, MR.
25 CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE



1 BOARD TO SEEK TO DISPOSE OF THIS MATTER BY TAKING A VOTE.
2 EITHER THE BOARD IS GOING TO ACT IN THE DIRECTION OF MOVING
3 FORWARD WITH A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OR IT IS NOT. IF
4 IT CHOOSES NOT TO, BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE
5 THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF VOTES TO CAUSE THAT TO HAPPEN, MR.
6 CHAIRMAN, I'M PREPARED TO TAKE THE ITEM, AND REFER IT BACK TO
7 MY OFFICE FOR CONSIDERATION AT A LATER POINT IN TIME. BUT I
8 THINK THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION AND
9 VOTE. AND I WOULD TRUST THAT THOSE WHO ARE HERE WOULD GIVE
10 THEIR CONSENT FOR US TO DO SO. MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN WE FACILITATE
11 THAT OUTCOME BY VIRTUE OF HAVING THOSE WHO ARE REMAINING ON
12 THE LIST TO BE HEARD TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO PROCEED WITH THE
13 VOTE ON THIS MATTER? I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM ABOUT
16 THAT. I THINK COUNTY COUNSEL INDICATED IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
17 THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP, IF YOU WAIVE THAT RIGHT TO SPEAK TO
18 GET TO A VOTE, THAT'S FINE. IF YOU SIGNED UP AND STILL WANT TO
19 SPEAK, THEN WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT. AM I CORRECT?

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21 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WHAT I WOULD RECOMMEND
22 IS THAT YOUR BOARD ASK IF THERE IS ANYBODY THERE WHO IS NOT
23 PREPARED TO WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO SPEAK? IF EVERYBODY IS
24 PREPARED TO WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO SPEAK, THEN THE BOARD CAN
25 CALL THE ISSUE AND TAKE A VOTE. IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO INSIST



1 ON HAVING THEIR RIGHT TO SPEAK, THEN I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT
2 YOUR BOARD NOT TAKE THE VOTE AT THIS TIME.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I'M SIMPLY REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD
5 BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACT. IT IS TIME IN MY VIEW FOR
6 US TO HAVE THE BOARD VOTE. AND I SO I WOULD RESPECTFULLY
7 REQUEST THE ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I BROUGHT THE ITEM
8 FORWARD AND HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR THIS. BUT IT'S TIME TO
9 ARRIVE AT A DECISION. AND SO I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE
10 WERE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH YOUR CONSENT. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST
11 THAT.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU REQUESTED TO HAVE THE SPEAKERS THAT
14 SIGNED UP?

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO IF THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE
19 THAT WOULD STILL LIKE TO SPEAK, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
20 PLEASE STAND UP.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALRIGHT, IT'S ABOUT 25 OR SO PEOPLE. MR.
25 CHAIRMAN, IF WE HAVE THOSE PERSONS' NAMES, COULD WE HAVE THEM



1 LINE UP APPROPRIATELY SO THAT WE CAN EXPEDITE THAT WITH THE
2 SERGEANT'S ASSISTANCE? IS THAT ACCEPTABLE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FINE. WE'LL HAVE STAFF OVER HERE TO
5 HELP. RIGHT OVER HERE.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON WHATEVER AISLE THEY'RE IN.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT AISLE, MY STAFF WILL HAVE THE NAMES
10 OF THOSE WHO STILL WANT TO SPEAK, WE'LL HAVE TO PULL THEM OUT.
11 WE'LL NEED TO HAVE THE HELP OF A COUPLE FOLKS.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE SIMPLY TRYING TO GET TO A VOTE. SO
14 THERE ARE THOSE WHO DID SIGN UP, MR. CHAIRMAN, WHO ARE
15 PREPARED TO WAIVE. AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, AS WELL. YOU WOULD
16 HAVE TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED UP TO SPEAK AT THIS POINT. WE'RE
17 TRYING TO MOVE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M
18 GOING TO CALL THE FOLLOWING NAMES WITH YOUR CONSENT. AND
19 EITHER THEY WILL SPEAK OR PASS. WE MAKE A REQUEST THAT YOU BE
20 MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT THE BOARD IS PREPARED TO TAKE ITS
21 VOTE. SO ISABEL VALDEZ? WHAT IS YOUR NAME, MA'AM? MICHAEL
22 MARTINEZ. ISABEL, MICHAEL? WHERE IS ISABEL? ISABEL? IS THAT
23 YOU?

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1 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS (INAUDIBLE) AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM
2 S-1. I VOICE MY SUPPORT BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS ON
4 JULY 14, 2014. MY LITTLE BROTHER, BARRY MONTGOMERY, WHO IS
5 SPECIAL NEEDS, WHO SUFFERS FROM PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIC AND
6 TOURETTE SYNDROME, ONLY 102 POUNDS, 5' 2, AND HE IS MENTALLY
7 CHALLENGED. AND HE HAS A MENTALITY OF A 10-YEAR-OLD, ALTHOUGH
8 HE'S 29. HE WAS BEATEN UNMERCIFULLY BY -- HE WAS BEATEN BY
9 MORE THAN 20 OFFICERS IN ENTERPRISE PARK IN COMPTON OPERATED
10 BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. AND ONLY BECAUSE BY
11 THE GRACE OF GOD HE IS ALIVE. AND I BELIEVE IN SITUATIONS SUCH
12 AS THIS THAT THERE HAS TO BE MORE THAN POLICE POLICING.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15 TESTIMONY.

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17 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS MY LITTLE BROTHER AFTER HE WAS BEATEN.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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21 **PATRICE KARST:** HI, I'M PATRICE KARST. I'M A BEST-SELLING
22 CHILDREN'S AUTHOR. I'M ALSO A CONVICTED CRIMINAL. WHY? BECAUSE
23 I TOOK PICTURES OF THE WRONG SHERIFF. IN THE LOST HILL
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I HAVE BROUGHT COPIES OF ALL MY PICTURES
25 FOR ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. I HAVE ALSO WRITTEN TO ALL OF



1 YOU. THANK YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. YOUR OFFICE WAS THE ONE THAT
2 GOT BACK TO ME. I WAS ARRESTED FOR EXERCISING MY FIRST
3 AMENDMENT RIGHT TO TAKE PICTURES OF OUR OFFICERS ON THE
4 STREETS ON PUBLIC LAND ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY. I PULLED OVER
5 BECAUSE I SAW WHAT SEEMED TO BE AN AWFUL LOT OF SHERIFFS
6 AROUND ONE CIVILIAN. THAT CIVILIAN ENDED UP BEING GARY BUSEY,
7 THE ACTOR BEING GIVEN A D.U.I. INVESTIGATION. I HAD NO IDEA
8 WHEN I PULLED OVER. I TOLD THE OFFICERS THAT I WAS THERE TO
9 SIMPLY TAKE PICTURES. I WAS ARRESTED. MY DOG WAS TAKEN TO THE
10 SHELTER. I WAS MUGGED. FINGERPRINTED. I WAS UNDER THE
11 JURISDICTION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR SEVEN HOURS. AND
12 IT WAS THE MOST HELLISH SEVEN HOURS OF MY LIFE. THEY REWARDED
13 ME BY RELEASING MY MUG SHOT AND A FALSE STORY TO THE WORLDWIDE
14 PRESS SAYING THAT I HAVE SET UP GARY IN A D.U.I. STING.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT?

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18 **ISABEL GALVEZ:** HELLO MY NAME IS ISABEL GALVEZ AND I'M HERE AS
19 AN INSTRUCTOR WITH YOUTH BILL CHARTER SKILL OF CALIFORNIA AS A
20 MEMBER OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND I SIT HERE IN FRONT
21 OF YOU WITH MUCH RESPECT TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS
22 BECAUSE I KNOW AS A TEACHER I HAVE WORKED WITH OVER 500 YOUTH
23 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND MANY OF THEM DO NOT HAVE THE
24 COURAGE BECAUSE OF FEAR THAT SHERIFFS HAVE INSTILLED IN EACH
25 ONE OF US AS CITIZENS. I'M ALSO SITTING HERE AS A CHICANA



1 FIRST GENERATION GRADUATE AND MY FAMILY HAS SUFFERED BY OUR
2 SHERIFFS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M SITTING HERE BECAUSE WE
3 NEED CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS
4 NOT RIGHT AS AN INSTRUCTOR I HAVE TO RESTORE FAITH IN OUR
5 SYSTEM BECAUSE IT IS FAILING. AND YOU ARE NOT LISTENING TO
6 CITIZENS. HERE WE HAVE 100-PLUS PEOPLE STANDING READY TO SPEAK
7 AND WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE OUR VOICES SO THAT YOU DO NOT FORGET
8 THAT WE DO WANT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. YOU SAY THAT YOU WANT
9 TEETH? WELL WE HAVE PLENTY OF THEM. AND SPEAKING IN FRONT OF
10 YOU, WE CAN SHINE THEM. ALL RIGHT? AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT
11 REGARDLESS OF THE POWER THAT YOU PROVIDE US, RIGHT NOW WE'RE
12 GOING TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD TO INSTILL LAW. I REPEAT WE
13 NEED CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. WE NEED YOUTH TO BE PRESENT. WE NEED
14 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE SYSTEM WHO HAVE BEEN HURT
15 AND HARMED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. VICTOR ABRUNZO, AND MICHELLE
18 ARCE, AND JESSICA FARRIS. GO AHEAD.

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20 **PASTOR Q:** HELLO MY NAME IS PASTOR Q. I AM WITH THE S.C.L.C.,
21 THAT'S THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, MARTIN
22 LUTHER KING'S ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS C.L.U. CLERGY AND LAITY
23 UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND US THAT
24 POWER CORRUPTS AND ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY IF THERE
25 IS NO MEANINGFUL ACCOUNTABILITY. WHY CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT



1 COMMITTEE? WE NEED RESULTS NOW. BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
2 COMING, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE IT NEVER GETS HERE. AS A PASTOR OF A
3 CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS IN SKID ROW COMMUNITY, WE SEE THE
4 RESIDUAL EFFECTS OF ABUSE OF POWER AS WE INTERACT WITH MANY OF
5 OUR LOVED ONES WHO ARE RETURNING HOME TO OUR COMMUNITY
6 SUFFERING WITH THE AFTERMATH OF ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF THE
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MANY ARE LEFT MENTALLY ILL AND AS A
8 RESULT OF THESE ABUSES SKID ROW HAS BECOME AN OUTDOOR ASYLUM.
9 CLERGY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AND FAMILIES ARE LEFT TO PICK UP
10 THESE PIECES OF THESE TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES. OUR COMMUNITY
11 SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN A STATE OF HOPELESSNESS BECAUSE OF THE
12 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ABUSERS. THEREFORE WE MUST HAVE A CITIZENS
13 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. IT'S BEEN LONG OVERDUE.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. WHOEVER'S NEXT.

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17 **SHANNON SOPER:** HI MY NAME IS SHANNON SOPER AND MY EXPERIENCE
18 AT LYNWOOD WAS MODEST COMPARED TO THE PEOPLE HERE WHO HAVE HAD
19 FAMILY MEMBERS KILLED BY SHERIFFS. BUT WHEN I WAS THERE, I WAS
20 IN A HOLDING CELL WITH OVER 30 WOMEN. AT LEAST ONE WHO WAS
21 PREGNANT. AND WE WERE DENIED WATER. WE WERE THREATENED WHEN WE
22 ASKED FOR WATER. WHILE I WAS THERE I ALSO HEARD SHERIFF'S
23 DEPUTIES CONSTANTLY MAKING FUN OF INMATES. IT'S THIS TYPE OF
24 UNABASHED BEHAVIOR THAT LED ME TO BELIEVE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW
25 ABOUT THIS. PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE A VOICE IN THIS. IT DIDN'T



1 LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THAT WE NEED ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO
2 HAVE A VOICE IN THIS. AND IT'S THE KIND OF UNABASHED BEHAVIOR
3 THAT LED MAX HUNTSMAN TO SIT HERE TO SAY HE COULDN'T DO HIS
4 JOB BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO RECORDS OR THAT HE NEEDED
5 THEM BECAUSE SOMEBODY WAS SHOT ON FRIDAY. SOMEBODY WAS SHOT. A
6 MAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN HIS OWN HOME BY A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY
7 WHEN HE WAS THOUGHT TO BE A SUSPECT WHO WAS 30 YEARS YOUNGER
8 THAN HIM. AND HE SITS HERE AND TALKS ABOUT IT IN THAT
9 SHAMELESS WAY. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER PERSON LIKE THAT. WE NEED
10 A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD NOW.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

13

14 **JIM:** MY NAME IS JIM. THEY CALL ME JIM THE HAT. OPEN
15 TRANSFORMATION. IN THIS CASE HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION OVER THIS
16 DISEASE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHICH I CONSIDER A CANCER
17 FOR THE REASON THAT I OVERCAME CANCER TWO YEARS AGO. I WAS
18 DYING. DYING BECAUSE OF BEING RELEASED OUT OF JAIL MYSELF.
19 BEING ABLE TO OVERCOME THE CANCER HELPED ME BE ABLE TO SEE
20 THAT THERE IS ANSWERS. IN THIS WAY, I DEVELOPED THIS ANSWER
21 FROM CIVILIAN ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM FROM OUT OF JOHNS HOPKINS
22 UNIVERSITY. NOW THIS IS A FORMAT NOT TO HAVE TEETH BUT TO
23 ASSIST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HAVE DIGNITY THEMSELVES.
24 HOW CAN THEY GIVE DIGNITY TO US IF THEY DON'T HAVE IT
25 THEMSELVES? BUT THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO SEE



1 WHERE WHAT WE NEED FROM THEM AND THEM GET THE HELP THEY NEED
2 TO HELP US. THAT WILL BE AN ANSWER TO THIS CANCER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **JESSICA FARRIS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JESSICA FARRIS, I'M A
7 POLICY AND ADVOCACY COUNCIL AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN
8 CALIFORNIA. WE URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS ORGANIZATION.
9 WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE LIMITATIONS THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
10 COMMISSION WOULD HAVE BECAUSE THE SHERIFF IS AN ELECTED
11 OFFICIAL, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD NONETHELESS TO ALLOW PUBLIC
12 AIRING OF L.A.S.D. MISCONDUCT AND ENABLING COMMUNITY MEMBERS
13 TO HOLD THE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS ACTIONS BY AMONG
14 OTHER THINGS PROVIDING A FORUM FOR THE I.G. TO MAKE REPORTS ON
15 HIS FINDINGS AND RECOMENDATIONS IN PUBLIC MEETINGS. THIS
16 FUNCTION IS PARTICULARLY VITAL GIVEN THAT THE BOARD HAS A
17 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO DEAL WITH AND THIS AMOUNT HAS LED TO
18 REPEATED FAILURE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO DISCUSS THE
19 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL,
20 THE A.C.L.U. AND OTHERS WHO HAVE REPORTED ON DEPARTMENT ABUSE
21 FOR YEARS. OVERSIGHT CAN BE A SINGLE MINDEDLY FOCUSED ENTITY
22 THAT ALLOWS PUBLIC MEETINGS ABOUT THESE ISSUES WHICH IN THE
23 PAST WERE UNFORTUNATELY SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG. THAT'S VALUABLE
24 EVEN IF IT'S NOT EVERY SINGLE THING ONE MIGHT WANT IN CIVILIAN
25 OVERSIGHT IT'S STILL VALUABLE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT?

3

4 **VICTOR ABRUNZO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VICTOR ABRUNZO, I
5 COME HERE TO TRY TO PROVIDE FOR YOU SOME COMPARISONS WITH THE
6 STATE PRISON SYSTEM. THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM HAS AN INSPECTOR
7 GENERAL. AND THEY ALSO HAVE ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN THE FORM OF
8 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEES, INMATE FAMILY COUNCILS AND
9 INMATE COUNCILS, ADVISORY COUNCILS AT EACH INSTITUTION. I
10 WOULD GIVE MY RIGHT ARM TO HAVE A COMMISSION THAT HAD
11 AUTHORITY TO PASS OUR CONCERNS TO A LEGISLATIVE BODY TO ACT.
12 MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THERE IS
13 PROBABLY NO FUNDING PLANNED BY YOUR INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR EYES
14 IN THE INSTITUTION. AND FUNCTIONS LIKE INMATE FAMILY COUNCILS
15 DO EXACTLY THAT. TO THE EXTENT YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THAT
16 ISSUE, YOU ARE EACH PROVIDED A SHORT DOCUMENT FROM ME WITH A
17 WAY TO CONTACT ME. I THANK YOU KINDLY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **MICHELE ARCE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MICHELLE ARCE AND I
22 AM A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITIZENS
23 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. BY DELAYING THE PROCESS WILL ONLY --
24 IT'S REALLY SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THE TAXPAYERS. WHAT
25 IT IS IS PLAYING WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES. THE CORRUPTION IS SO



1 DEEPLY ROOTED WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IT HAS FILTERED
2 OVER TO THE COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO EMBRACE COMMUNITY POLICING.
3 WE NEED TO START BUILDING PEOPLE'S TRUST. THIS IS NOT ABOUT
4 DELAYING OR TACTICS OR PROCEDURES. THIS IS ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY
5 ISSUES. THIS IS CLEARLY A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. WE NEED TO ACT
6 NOW AND ACCORDINGLY. WE NEED TO START REBUILDING THE TRUST OF
7 THE TAXPAYERS AND REBUILDING THE TRUST OF THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

11

12 **AMANDA WERNER:** MY NAME IS AMANDA WERNER. I'M ONE OF THE
13 U.C.L.A. LAW STUDENTS THAT WORKED WITH THE COALITION TO END
14 SHERIFF VIOLENCE AND DRAFTING THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
15 PROPOSAL. THE SERIOUS ABUSES OF POWER WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT AND SPECIFICALLY ITS OPERATION WITHIN OUR JAILS HAS
17 MADE LOS ANGELES COUNTY NOTORIOUS FOR UNCHECKED STATE VIOLENCE
18 AND CORRUPTION. TODAY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO TURN THIS NARRATIVE ON ITS HEAD AND ALLOW LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY TO BECOME THE NATIONAL LEADER IN REFORM AND
21 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. WE UNDERSTAND TO FULFILL THIS VISION A
22 STATE LAW OR CHARTER AMENDMENT WILL BE NECESSARY. BUT TAKING
23 THESE STEPS SHOULD BE OUR PLAN A, NOT OUR PLAN B. THERE ARE
24 SURELY ALTERNATIVES THAT MIGHT SEEM MORE POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT
25 BUT AFTER DECADES OF INCREMENTAL REFORM AND PARTIAL SOLUTIONS,



1 NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR MORE HALF-HEARTED ATTEMPTS OR FURTHER
2 DELAY. IT IS THE TIME TO ACT BOLDLY. MAJOR PROBLEMS REQUIRE
3 MAJOR SOLUTIONS. AND I URGE THE BOARD NOT TO SHOW AWAY FROM
4 THE ONLY REAL REFORM THAT CAN RECTIFY CULTURE OF ABUSE THAT
5 HAS BECOME SO PERVASIVE. AS A COUNTY WE MUST FINALLY END THIS
6 CORRUPTION AND PUT THE POWER BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE CITIZENS
7 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS DESIGNED TO SERVE. THE
8 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY NEED A POWERFUL AND INDEPENDENT
9 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ACCESSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE TO
10 THE COMMUNITY DIRECTLY AND WE NEED IT NOW. THANK YOU. PLEASE
11 VOTE YES.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

14

15 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND I'M A MEMBER
16 OF N.A.M.I., NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. I'M ALSO
17 DISTRICT 3 AND I REMEMBER WHEN ZEV YAROSLAVSKY SAID RIGHT HERE
18 THAT THERE'S TWO THINGS HE WOULD NEVER DO: NEVER WANT TO DO
19 FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE. ONE WAS TO JUMP OUT OF AN AIRPLANE
20 AND NUMBER 2 IS TO GO BACK TO TWIN TOWERS. MY SON IS IN TWIN
21 TOWERS AS WE SPEAK. I HAVE NO ONE TO GO TO THE SOMETHING IS
22 REALLY DRASTICALLY WRONG. AT ONE TIME HE WAS RUSHED TO THE
23 HOSPITAL BECAUSE HE GOT SO SICK THERE WITH NOTHING TO DO ALL
24 DAY LONG HE WAS TAKEN UP TO 7 AND BANGED HIS HEAD AGAINST THE
25 WALL. THEY TOOK HIM TO AN OUTSIDE HOSPITAL, L.A.U.S.C. AND



1 THEY TOOK A BLOOD TEST AND FOUND HIS KIDNEYS WERE FAILING. IF
2 HE HADN'T BEEN BANGING HIS HEAD AGAINST THE WALL HE WOULD HAVE
3 DIED IN JAIL AND I NEVER WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT HAPPENED. WE
4 DESPERATELY NEED THIS COMMISSION SO PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF AND
5 OTHER MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOVED ONES INCARCERATED HAVE SOMEWHERE
6 TO GO TO EVEN SAVE THEIR LIVES.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **ALONI BONILLA:** MY NAME IS ALANI BONILLA, I'M REPRESENTING THE
11 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. ON MARCH
12 21, 2012, I WAS BEATEN INSIDE OF A HOSPITAL BY A 240-POUND 6'
13 TALL MALE LATINO OFFICER. I HAD FIVE SLIPPED DISKS IN MY BACK.
14 EYE AND FACE CONTUSIONS. THE BEATING WAS ALL CAPTURED ON
15 CAMERAS AND THE OFFICER'S REPORT AND TESTIMONY SHOWS NOTHING
16 BUT LIES, LIES, LIES. ONCE THE VIDEO WAS RELEASED TO ME, I
17 FILED A CITIZENS COMPLAINT TO THE SAME ORGANIZATION THAT
18 ABUSED ME IN HOPES THAT MAYBE A FAIR TRIAL, I MEAN A FAIR
19 INTERNAL INVESTIGATION WOULD BE DONE. NOT TO MY SURPRISE, THE
20 OFFICER WAS EXONERATED OF ALL MY ALLEGATIONS. I THEN ESCALATED
21 MY CONCERN TO A LEVEL HIGHER IN THE SAME CHAIN OF COMMAND. AND
22 GOT THE SAME UNFAIR RESULTS AND WAS INCARCERATED FOR 17 DAYS.
23 I NOW HAVE A FEDERAL LAWSUIT. THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY
24 ALLOWS FOR OFFICERS' BEHAVIOR TO ESCALATE FROM BAD TO WORSE.
25 AND THESE PEACE OFFICERS WHO BEAT AND HARASS -- END UP



1 SHOOTING AND KILLING AND GETTING AWAY AND DOING THE EXACT SAME
2 THINGS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** FIRST OF ALL GLORIA MOLINA I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
7 WHAT YOU SAID HERE IN THIS MEETING. THIS IS NOT ONLY FOR ALANI
8 BONILLA WHO IS MY DAUGHTER AND ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME TO ME
9 AND CRIED ON MY SHOULDER BUT IT'S FOR ALL THE POLICE OFFICERS
10 WHO BECAME POLICE OFFICERS BECAUSE WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN,
11 THEY HAD A DREAM, TO PROTECT AND BE HONORABLE. THEY NEVER
12 DREAMED THAT THEY WOULD BE IN THIS POSITION TO WATCH OTHER
13 MEMBERS WHO HAD THE SAME DREAM VICIOUSLY ATTACK HUMAN PEOPLE.
14 MY DAUGHTER AT THE VERY END, AFTER TELLING ME WHAT HAPPENED TO
15 HER, SHE TELLS ME, "MOM, I WANT THIS POLICE OFFICER TO BE A
16 GOOD POLICE OFFICER". NOW I TELL YOU OFFICER RAMIREZ AND TO
17 ALL POLICE OFFICERS, I PRAY FOR YOU. THE JUDGE. THE D.A. AND
18 EVERYONE YOU LIED TO. I PRAY FOR YOU 'CUZ GOD'S LIGHT SHINES
19 RIGHT THROUGH.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? ALL RIGHT. NEXT?

22

23 **DWAYNE DICKENSON::** MY NAME IS DWAYNE DICKENSON. I JUST SPENT
24 THE LAST THREE YEARS IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL. IN ALL THE
25 ACCUSATIONS ABOUT EXCESSIVE FORCE, BAD MEDICAL AND



1 MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IS DEFINITELY HAPPENING. SO I
2 BELIEVE THE NEW CITIZENS COALITION IS DEFINITELY IN ORDER. I
3 JUST HOPE THIS THEY DO A BETTER JOB THAN THE CURRENT
4 COMMITTEES WATCHING OVER THE JAIL. AND I SAY THIS BECAUSE WHEN
5 YOU MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE A.C.L.U., THEY SEND A DEPUTY
6 SHERIFF TO CONDUCT THE FIRST INTERVIEW. THE ONLY WAY TO GET TO
7 THE TRUTH IS THAT THE NEW COALITION BE ALLOWED TO INTERVIEW
8 THE INMATE POPULATION AT WILL. THEN YOU WILL GET TO THE TRUTH
9 BECAUSE THEY KNOW THE TRUTH. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

12

13 **ABRAHAM COLUNGA:** MY NAME IS ABRAHAM COLUNGA. IN 2006 I WAS
14 BRUTALLY BEATEN BY THE 2,000 BOYS IN L.A.C.J. I WAS TUCKED
15 AWAY AND HIDDEN. NO WAY TO CONTACT. I WAS THE AGGRESSOR, FIVE
16 VERSUS ONE. THERE WAS NO WAY TO GET AHOLD OF MY PEOPLE. I WAS
17 JUST TUCKED AWAY. I WENT FROM SP4 TO SP1. WHICH MEANS I NEVER
18 GOT SENT TO PRISON IN MY TIME. I HAD TO WAIT TWO MORE MONTHS
19 UNTIL I HEAL UP. THAT BEING SAID THE COMMISSION IS WAY OVERDUE
20 AND I BELIEVE IN IT AND HOPEFULLY YOU FIND JUSTICE IN THIS.
21 THANKS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

24



1 **JOSE BORJA:** MY NAME IS JOSE BORJA, WE ARE HERE AS A COMMUNITY
2 TO HOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR
3 OVERPOWER AND HASSLE THEY PUT US THROUGH. AT THE END OF THE
4 DAY WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS AND DO NOT DESERVE TO BE HARASSED AND
5 MADE TO FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE DURING OUR INCARCERATION,
6 MISTREATED AND BEATEN. THIS HARASSMENT NEEDS TO STOP. JUST
7 BECAUSE YOU HAVE A PAST DOESN'T MAKE US BAD PEOPLE. PEOPLE
8 SLIP AND GET BACK UP. PEOPLE GETTING BEATEN AND CARE FOR MY
9 FAMILIES UNTIL WE ARE ALL HELD UP. THAT'S JUST REALLY CRAZY.
10 WE NEED JUSTICE BECAUSE WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENT IT WILL JUST
11 GET SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OR
12 CHARGED WITH A CRIME. THANK YOU.

13

14 **MICHAEL MARTINEZ:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES.
15 MY NAME IS MICHAEL MARTINEZ. FROM PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA. I
16 HOPE EVERYONE IS DOING WELL. I WAS GOING TO SAY THERE'S GOOD
17 AND BAD AND EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD INCLUDING THIS AGENCY
18 THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING. BUT HERE WE GO AGAIN. WE HAVE MORE
19 MONEY TO FUEL THE CAROUSEL CORRUPTION WE CALL THE L.A. COUNTY
20 SHERIFF. MORE BEDS TO FILL TO CONTINUE THE WAVE OF VIOLENCE IN
21 THE SEA OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL. MORE PETTY ARRESTS OF SMALL
22 AMOUNTS OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES RESIDUE ON DRUG PIPES, ET
23 CETERA. \$42,000 A YEAR TO HOUSE THESE NONVIOLENT PEOPLE. HAVE
24 THEIR WAY AGAIN L.A. COUNTY JAILS WILL STAY VIOLENT BUT WE THE



1 PEOPLE WILL NEVER STAY SILENT ON THESE ISSUES. MAY GOD BLESS
2 AMERICA.

3

4 **JUAN PENA:** HELLO MY NAME IS JUAN PENA. I'M A YOUTH ORGANIZER
5 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WILL
6 NOT ONLY HELP ME MY COMMUNITY BUT IT WILL ALSO HELP YOUTH AND
7 FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP. WE DON'T LIKE BEING
8 HARASSED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AS FAR AS L.A. SHERIFF'S OFFICERS.
9 TAKE TO IT JUVENILE HALL CAMPS, PROBATION JUST FOR SAYING A
10 COUPLE OF WORDS AND GETTING BEATEN UP. OR EVEN TAKEN TO PRISON
11 FOR NO LITTLE REASON INSTEAD OF BEING ABUSED BY LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT. ON MY WAY TO SCHOOL I WAS STOPPED SEVEN TIMES BY
13 SHERIFFS ON THE TRAIN AND TAKEN OFF THE TRAIN AS WELL AS
14 SEARCHED MANY TIMES. IS THAT POLICING OR IS THAT HARASSMENT?
15 AND THERE SHOULD ALSO IT SHOULD BE NINE MEMBERS TO THE PANEL.
16 NOT ONLY FIVE. FOUR SPOTS SHOULD GO TO PEOPLE IN THE
17 COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS, STUDENTS, YOUTH AND JUVENILE
18 HALL CAMPS, PROBATION, EVEN FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

22

23 **RANESHA MATTHEWS:** HI MY NAME IS RANESHA MATTHEWS AND I'M HERE
24 AS A YOUTH FROM SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AND ME MYSELF I HAVE
25 ENCOUNTERED THE L.A. CORRUPTION WITH THE SHERIFF. I'VE BEEN TO



1 LYNWOOD FOR ONLY FIVE DAYS. IT JUST SO HAPPENED WHEN I WENT
2 THAT I WAS SICK. BY THE SECOND DAY THERE I WAS DENIED MY
3 MEDICINE. THE THIRD DAY THEY GAVE ME SOME MEDICINE AND THEN I
4 WAS SICK. DUE TO BEING SICK, I WAS THROWING UP IN THE TRASH
5 CAN AND WITH THAT BEING SAID, I WAS HARASSED BY THE SHERIFFS,
6 "WHY ARE YOU THROWING UP IN THE TRASH CAN?" THEN PUSHED
7 AGAINST THE WALL. HAD MY HEAD BANGED AGAINST THE WALL. AND ON
8 TOP OF THAT TO BE PUT IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR 24 HOURS,
9 WHICH IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE ALL BECAUSE I WAS SICK. I
10 HEARD THE INSPECTOR GENERAL EARLIER SAY TODAY THAT IT TAKES AN
11 EXPERT, AN EXPERT, EXPERT. YOU KEPT SAYING AN EXPERT. EXPERT
12 IS SOMEBODY WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN THIS. AND WHAT I CAN SEE, WE
13 ARE THE EXPERTS BECAUSE WE'RE THE ONES GOING THROUGH THIS. NOT
14 THEIR ATTORNEY GENERAL. SO TO GET ON OUR GOOD SIDE, YOU GUYS
15 NEED TO GIVE US THE COMMUNITY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT.

18

19 **MONIQUE LUKENS:** I HAVE PETITION HANDOUTS FOR YOU. MY NAME IS
20 MONIQUE LUKENS IN FAVOR OF A CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR A
21 NUMBER OF YEARS. WE NEED THE SHERIFFS TO HAVE INPUT, SUPPORT
22 AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PEOPLE THEY PROTECT. I ASK FOR MANDATED
23 VIDEO CAMERAS DURING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRANSACTIONS. I ASK
24 SHERIFFS ARE MANDATED TO FOLLOW GOVERNMENT SAFETY TIPS. ON
25 THEIR WEBSITE AND THE D.M.V. DRIVER'S MANUAL TO NOT PUNISH



1 DRIVERS FOR STOPPING AT WELL LIT POPULATED AREAS DURING
2 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DUE TO AWARENESS OF KNOWN ABUSE INCLUDING
3 THE SPIRITUAL CRIME OF RAPE. YES, SHERIFFS NEED TO SPEAK UP
4 AND OUT AGAINST THE ABUSERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT THE FORCE DOWN
5 AND A CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CAN ASSIST WITH THIS.
6 STORIES SUCH AS WHAT HAPPENED TO MYSELF, PATRICE KARST AND THE
7 LATE MATRICE RICHARDSON BEING REPRESENTED BY DR. RHONDA
8 HAMPTON TODAY SHOULD NEVER HAVE OCCURRED BUT BECAUSE THEY DID,
9 AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CAN HELP RIGHT THE WRONGS. AND ONE LAST
10 REQUEST. MATRICE'S REMAINS WERE FOUND ON THE BORDER OF A PORN
11 RANCH. COULD YOU PLEASE INVESTIGATE IF THERE'S ANY VALIDITY TO
12 ANONYMOUS SOURCES SAYING OFF DUTY MALIBU SHERIFFS ARE PAID
13 SECURITY FOR THIS VIOLENT HARDCORE PORN RANCH A CONFLICT OF
14 INTEREST.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

17

18 **JANET FAVELA:** MY NAME JANET FAVELA. GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M A LEAD
19 ORGANIZER AT EAST L.A. COMMUNITY CORPORATION WITH THE LOS
20 ANGELES STREET VENDOR CAMPAIGN. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT A CIVILIAN
21 OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AS WE REPRESENT OVER
22 TENS OF THOUSANDS OF STREET VENDORS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
23 ANGELES WHO DEPEND UPON STREET VENDING TO SUPPORT THEIR
24 FAMILIES. VENDORS UNDERSTAND THAT STREET VENDING ON THE
25 SIDEWALKS IS A BIT OF A CRIME. HOWEVER WHAT IS MORE OF A CRIME



1 IS REALLY TAKING AWAY THEIR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES OF THESE
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR
3 FAMILIES. WHAT'S MORE OF A CRIME IS THAT EVERY DAY THERE'S
4 CRIMINALIZATION OF THESE HARD WORKING FOLKS THAT INCREASES
5 EVERY DAY. THIS GOES BEYOND WARNING VENDORS ISSUING CITATIONS
6 AND ARRESTING FOLKS. THIS GOES INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
7 HAVING REALLY A CULTURE OF "WE'RE NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO ANYBODY".
8 THIS GOES REALLY INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CREATING A
9 SYSTEM OF INTIMIDATION AND THREATS ON STREET VENDORS AND THE
10 GENERAL POPULATION. AND IT'S NOT OKAY TO TELL PEOPLE, "HEY,
11 WHERE IS YOUR CALIFORNIA I.D.? CAN I GET YOUR CALIFORNIA I.D.?
12 IS IT THAT YOU COULDN'T GET ONE? YOU'RE GOING TO GO INTO
13 DEPORTATION." THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **RHONDA HAMPTON:** MY NAME IS DR. RHONDA HAMPTON AND I'M A
18 LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, I'M AN
19 ADVOCATE FOR MY FORMER INTERN, MATRICE RICHARDSON. MATRICE
20 RICHARDSON WAS ARRESTED BY THE MALIBU LOST HILL SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT IN 2009. YOU ALL MAY KNOW THE STORY THAT NOW HER
22 NAKED SKELETAL REMAINS WERE FOUND IN THE REMOTE CANYONS OF
23 MALIBU. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE IF WE HAD A CITIZENS
24 COMMISSION I DON'T THINK I WOULD NEED TO BE HERE. I AM AN
25 ORDINARY PERSON WHO WAS THROWN INTO AN EXTRAORDINARY



1 SITUATION. I BELIEVE THAT IF WE HAD A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT
2 COMMISSION, PEOPLE LIKE ME WOULD HAVE A PLACE TO GO, THAT WE
3 WOULD NOT HAVE TO BOMBARD THE BOARD WITH LETTERS DRIVING THEM
4 CRAZY, I'M SURE. REQUESTING FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. THAT WE WOULD
5 NOT HAVE TO RELY ON THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW WHO
6 DISMISS US AND WHO STATE VERY CLEARLY THAT THEY SAW THERE WAS
7 NO WRONGDOING IN THE CASE AND THAT THE L.A.S.D. VIOLATED NO
8 POLICIES AND NO PROCEDURES. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE MATRICE
9 NEEDS A VOICE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

12

13 **BRYAN TRAYNOR:** BRYAN TRAYNOR, I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF
14 THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I MEAN I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE
15 ABOUT A YEAR BUT I WAS ALREADY ATTACKED, FALSELY ARRESTED,
16 FALSELY IMPRISONED, KIDNAPPED BY AGENTS OF THE LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I COMMITTED NO CRIME. AND THEY
18 THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT. THEY'RE ATTACKING AMERICAN
19 CITIZENS ON AMERICAN SOIL. AND YOU GUYS HAVE LIKE THIS GOOD
20 BOY CLUB THAT YOU'RE COVERING FOR THEM AND LETTING THEM GET
21 AWAY WITH IT AND THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY. WE NEED THE PEOPLE
22 TO HAVE TEETH TO HOLD THESE PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. I'M A CITIZEN
23 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON
24 EARTH. AND I HAVE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES THAT YOU
25 PEOPLE ARE BOUND UNDER FEDERAL LAW TO HONOR AND RESPECT. AND



1 YOU'RE NOT DOING IT. YOU'RE DOING WHATEVER YOU WANT AND
2 GETTING AWAY WITH IT. AND I'M GOING TO APPEAL TO THE FEDERAL
3 GOVERNMENT TO COME IN HERE, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE U.S.
4 ATTORNEY AND CLEAN HOUSE. FIX THIS MESS WE HAVE GOING BECAUSE
5 YOU GUYS ARE KILLING PEOPLE, BEATING PEOPLE UP, PUTTING FALSE
6 CHARGES ON THEIR RECORD AND GETTING AWAY WITH IT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **YVONNE CRUZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YVONNE CRUZ, AND I
11 REPRESENT THE EAST L.A. CORPORATION CAMPAIGN TO LEGALIZE
12 STREET VENDING. WE ARE FIGHTING TO LEGALIZE STREET VENDING.
13 AND I AM IN FAVOR OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. TO END
14 THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S CONTINUED INTIMIDATION, HARASSMENT,
15 PSYCHOLOGICAL TERRORISM AND INCARCERATION. AS A VICTIM MYSELF
16 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, I HAVE BEEN FALSELY ARRESTED, IGNORED.
17 AND I AM AT A LOSS AS TO WHY THE ANSWER TO THE SHERIFF'S JOB
18 IS TO OPEN AND BUILD MORE JAILS. IS THIS SENSIBLE? WELL IS IT?
19 NO, I DON'T BELIEVE SO. I BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE NEED IS
20 TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY. NOT BUILDING MORE JAILS AND
21 THROWING THE WHOLE L.A. COUNTY AND POSSIBLY EVEN IN WHOLE U.S.
22 OF A AS AN ANSWER TO THE PROBLEMS IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK
23 YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?



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2 **ESONAY:** HI, MY NAME IS ESONAY, I'M A STUDENT ORGANIZER WITH
3 THE LABOR COMMUNITY STRATEGY CENTER AND THE COMMUNITY RIGHTS
4 CAMPAIGN. A LOT OF THE WORK THAT OTHER STUDENTS AND MYSELF DO
5 IS ON THE GROUND BUS ORGANIZING IN ORDER TO STOP THE
6 CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH. WE GO INTO OUR
7 COMMUNITIES TO FIND WHAT IT IS THAT THEY REALLY WANT AND HOW
8 THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT THESE ISSUES. BASED ON THE TESTIMONY
9 THAT WE'VE HEARD TODAY, IT IS CLEAR WHO THE EXPERTS ARE. THE
10 COMMUNITY HAS A FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE WITH THESE INJUSTICES. SO
11 WE ARE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
12 BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES WANT AND YOUR OFFICERS
13 NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS TOWARD OUR
14 PEOPLE THAT ARE IN JAILS. THE SYSTEM AS IT STANDS NOW IS VERY
15 ONE-SIDED. THE U.S. PRISON SYSTEM IS LOCKING UP A LOT OF
16 PEOPLE, 2.3 MILLION TO BE EXACT, BUT WHEN THE COMMUNITY HERE
17 IN L.A. DECIDES THAT IT WANTS TO GET INSIDE AND SEE WHAT'S
18 HAPPENING WITHIN THE JAILS, THAT IS WHEN THE DOORS START TO
19 CLOSE. WE NEED TO HAVE THE DOORS OPEN AND HAVE THE VOICES OF
20 OUR COMMUNITIES BE HEARD WITH THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD SO
21 THAT OUR OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY CAN HAPPEN NOW.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

24



1 **ASHELY FRANKLIN:** HI, MY NAME IS ASHELY FRANKLIN, I'M AN
2 ORGANIZER WITH THE LABOR COMMUNITY, STRATEGY CENTERS,
3 COMMUNITY RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. WE ARE A CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION
4 THAT ORGANIZED YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT SOUTH LOS ANGELES,
5 BOYLE HEIGHTS AND THE VALLEY. AND WE FIGHT TO END THE MASS
6 INCARCERATION OF BLACK AND LATINO COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY
7 INSIDE OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS TO END THE CRIMINALIZATION OF
8 STUDENT DISCIPLINE. THIS SUMMER WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 50TH
9 ANNIVERSARY OF FREEDOM SUMMER. THAT'S WHEN THE LIVES OF MANY
10 YOUNG PEOPLE WENT TO MISSISSIPPI TO FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY.
11 DEMOCRACY TODAY LOOKS LIKE ACCOUNTABILITY. DEMOCRACY LOOKS
12 LIKE TRANSPARENCY. DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
13 BOARD. AND I'VE HEARD A LOT OF CONVERSATION ABOUT WAIT, WAIT,
14 WAIT, WE NEED TO SEE. WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER. THE CIVIL
15 RIGHTS AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OUR COMMUNITY CANNOT WAIT. WE
16 NEED THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD NOW, TODAY. SO VOTE YES IF YOU
17 WANT TO SIDE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS. VOTE YES IF YOU WANT TO SIDE
18 WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. VOTE YES IF YOU WANT TO SIDE WITH THE
19 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? GO AHEAD, SIR.

22

23 **TIMOTHY MURPHY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M THE REMEMBER REND DR.
24 TIMOTHY MURPHY REPRESENTING PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS UNITING AND
25 JUSTICE NOT JAILS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF



1 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT WAS ONCE SAID THAT IF MEN WERE
2 ANGELS, NO GOVERNMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY. WE COULD SAY THE
3 SAME THING ABOUT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. OUR COUNTRY'S FUNDING HAS
4 RESTED ON THE INSIGHT OF THE NEED FOR CORRECTIVE CHECKS AND
5 BALANCES. GOOD PEOPLE WITHOUT RESTRAINT WILL HABITUALLY ABUSE
6 THEIR AUTHORITY. CONSIDERING THE HISTORY OF MISUSE OF SHERIFF
7 POWER, THIS IS NOT A THEORETICAL MATTER REGARDING OUR JAILS.
8 IT IS ONE THAT WILL ASSUREDLY CONTINUE WITHOUT SYSTEMIC
9 CORRECTIVE. STRONG CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF L.A. COUNTY SHERIFFS
10 RECOGNIZES THE MOST FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO MISUSES OF POWER ARE
11 COUNTERWEIGHTS WITH EFFECTIVE INDEPENDENCE. I NOTICE IT'S
12 GETTING A BIT LATE. SOME PEOPLE ARE HAVING SOME SNACKS,
13 GETTING A BIT HUNGRY. I HOPE WE'RE ALL HUNGRY FOR TRUE JUSTICE
14 AND OVERSIGHT TO HAPPEN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

17

18 **CHRISTOPHER POOL:** MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER POOL AND I'M HERE
19 REPRESENTING JUSTICE COALITION AND AMITY FOUNDATION. I'M IN
20 SUPPORT OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE
21 WORDS WE'RE HEARING TONIGHT, ACCOUNTABILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY,
22 ACCOUNTABILITY. IF ACCOUNTABILITY DOESN'T EQUAL UP TO
23 CREDIBILITY, THEN THERE IS A PROBLEM. WHEN YOU HAVE A PROBLEM
24 YOU MUST COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO FIX THE PROBLEM. BECAUSE
25 YOU EXPECT ALL OF US TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS OUT



1 HERE IN SOCIETY, YOU HAVE TO DO THE SAME WITH YOUR JOB. AND
2 IMPOSE THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **SIDNEY HAMMONS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SIDNEY HAMMONS AND
7 I'M WITH THE AMITY FOUNDATION ALSO REPRESENTING YOUTH JUSTICE
8 COALITION. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT A COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT
9 BECAUSE ON THE SIDE OF THOSE CARDS IT SAYS TO PROTECT AND
10 SERVE. AND IF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS A SERVICE AGENCY,
11 THEN THEY SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY THE PEOPLE THAT THEY
12 ARE HERE TO SERVE. RATHER THAN RIDING AROUND IN THE
13 COMMUNITIES AND VICTIMIZING THE PEOPLE THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED
14 TO BE SERVING. AND I KNOW NOT ALL DEPUTIES ARE CORRUPT. AND
15 THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES NEEDING TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
16 BECAUSE THOSE GOOD DEPUTIES WHO ARE DOING THE JOB THE WAY THEY
17 ARE SUPPOSED TO ALSO MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR HOLDING
18 THEIR SILENCE. BECAUSE NOT A LEAF FALLS FROM THE TREE WITHOUT
19 THE SILENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENTIRE TREE.

20

21 **FREDRICK GIVHAN:** MY NAME IS FREDERICK GIVHAN. I'M WITH AMITY,
22 ALSO. BASICALLY I'M GOING TO SHOOT FROM THE HIP. I DIDN'T HAVE
23 ANYTHING WRITTEN DOWN. AS FAR AS THE COMMUNITY, THE COMMITTEE
24 THING OR WHATEVER, I THINK WE NEED THAT. THAT'S LONG OVERDUE
25 BY ALL MEANS NECESSARY LIKE MALCOLM X SAID I THINK THAT WILL



1 FIX WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? THAT'S ALL I
2 GOT RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **WILLIAM TAYLOR III:** YEAH, MY NAME WILLIAM TAYLOR III. AND I'M
7 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
8 FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO AGREE WITH WHAT WAS MENTION EARLIER
9 ABOUT THIS IS NOT A LAUGHING MATTER. THIS IS REAL SERIOUS.
10 PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF BEING ABUSED. PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF HAVING
11 ASSAULTS OR MISCONDUCT BEING THE VICTIMS OF THAT, YOU KNOW.
12 THIS CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS VERY MUCH NEEDED AND
13 PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING ELECTED IN OFFICE AND THE ATTORNEY
14 GENERAL AND THE SUPERVISORS THEY CAN'T FAKE THE PEOPLE OUT IN
15 THE CITY ANYMORE AND IN THE COMMUNITIES. PEOPLE ARE AWARE.
16 THEY HAVE BEEN VICTIMS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, YOUR TIME IS UP. DO YOU WANT TO
19 WRAP IT UP, THANK YOU?

20

21 **WILLIAM TAYLOR III:** AND WHAT I'M SAYING IS WE NEED THIS NOW.
22 THERE'S NO TIME TO WAIT. THERE IS GREAT SORROW FOR THOSE WHO
23 THINK IT'S A JOKE.

24



1 **STACY RICHARDS:** HI, MY NAME IS STACEY AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH
2 JUSTICE COALITION. AND I'M IN FAVOR OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. AS
3 A LITTLE GIRL I WAS TAUGHT TO RESPECT MY ELDERS, NOT TALK BACK
4 OR QUESTION THEM. I WAS ALSO TAUGHT TO TRUST, RESPECT AND TO
5 LOOK UP TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. HOWEVER, WHEN CHILDREN ARE BEING
6 ABUSED, THEY CANNOT REMAIN RESPECTFUL OR SILENT WITH THEIR
7 ABUSERS. NEITHER CAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED BY LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT CONTINUE TO BE SILENT. SLAVERY WAS ONCE LEGAL. IT
9 WAS ABUSIVE, IT WAS INHUMANE AND YET AMERICANS FOUND
10 JUSTIFICATION FOR AN UNSPEAKABLE CRUELTY. ABUSIVE LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED FOR ITS UNSPEAKABLE CRUELTY.
12 PEOPLE WHO ARE ABUSED NEED REPRESENTATION. AND THIS IS AN
13 ABUSIVE SITUATION THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WE DON'T EXPECT
14 CHILDREN TO GO TO THEIR ABUSERS FOR HELP. WE NEED THE CITIZEN
15 OVERSIGHT SO PEOPLE HAVE SOMEWHERE THEY CAN GO TO THAT RELATES
16 TO THEM. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19

20 **ALEX SALAZAR:** MY NAME IS ALEX SALAZAR, I'M REPRESENTING HERE
21 WITH DIGNITY NOW. I'M ALSO A FORMER POLICE OFFICER. AND SO I
22 HAVE INSIGHT HAVING WORKED ONCE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
23 LIKE OUR SUPERVISORS HERE THAT THEY KNOW WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON
24 HERE. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A VERY LONG TIME. WE DON'T
25 NEED TO KEEP ON PLAYING GAMES. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN ARE



1 NOT FRIVOLOUS ISSUES BUT ARE PUBLIC INTEREST SUBJECTS. LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT ARE TRAINED TO FOLLOW THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. BUT
3 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IS BROKEN WITH HIGHER
4 UPS THAT ARE CORRUPT, RETALIATORY AND PROVEN THEMSELVES
5 UNTRUSTWORTHY. THE NEXT THING IS INSIDERS THE POLICE
6 THEMSELVES WHO ARE TRAINED TO GO THROUGH THE CHAIN OF COMMAND
7 BUT BECAUSE BY NOT GOING PUBLIC, IT IS ACTUALLY BENEFITED THE
8 INSTITUTION AND A DISADVANTAGE TO A WHISTLE BLOWER. THE
9 INSTITUTION GETS TO ARGUE IN COURTS THE WHISTLE BLOWER DID NOT
10 APPROACH THE PUBLIC WITH THE MATTER OF PUBLIC CONCERN AS A
11 CITIZEN AND THAT REPORTING UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY INTERNALLY IS
12 THEIR JOB. BUT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING NOW. I WAS HAVING A
13 CONVERSATION WITH MR. HUNTSMAN. AND WE STAND BEHIND HIM TO BE
14 ABLE TO PUSH FORTH WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE HERE TO FINALLY BREAK
15 THE CODE OF SILENCE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

18

19 **CHARLES JOHNSON:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON. YOU KNOW,
20 WE HEAR A LOT OF STRONG STATEMENTS HERE. AND IF THIS DON'T
21 TOUCH YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL. IT GOES BACK FOR ME IN
22 CHILDHOOD RAISED IN COMPTON TO BE ACCUSED BY A SHERIFF NOT
23 REPORTING, GETTING A GUN STUCK IN YOUR HEAD AND FEELING THE
24 PRESSURE OF IT. IT'S HORROR STORIES ALL THROUGH THESE
25 STATEMENTS WHICH WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE UNTIL IT HAPPEN TO YOU



1 TO FEEL THE INTENSITY OF IT YOU REALLY WON'T SEE IT. SEE IT
2 FROM A DISTANCE. AND IT NEEDS TO BE PULLED IN A LITTLE BIT
3 CLOSER TO YOU. THIS MATTER OF REAL STRONG POINT RIGHT HERE. I
4 MEAN, YOU KNOW. TAKE A LOOK OF ALL THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THE
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFFS AND LET THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
6 TAKE JUDGMENT ON THAT.

7

8 **MARK KARMATZ:** I AM MARK KARMATZ FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT
9 COALITION AND PROJECT RETURN PEER SUPPORT NETWORK. I WANT THE
10 SUPPORT THE FORMULATOIN OF THIS NEW COMMISSION. I ALSO WANT TO
11 URGE THAT THERE BE SEVERAL PROGRAMS, THAT'S THE INTENTIONAL
12 PEER SUPPORT, PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST TRAINING IN THE JAILS,
13 WELLNESS RECOVERY ACTION PLAN IN THE JAILS. I THINK THIS NEEDS
14 TO TAKE PLACE BECAUSE IF THIS TAKES PLACE IT WOULDN'T HAVE AS
15 MUCH ABUSE WITHIN THE JAILS AS THERE IS. THAT'S MY FEELING AND
16 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19

20 **RICARDO VELAZQUEZ:** HELLO MY NAME IS RICARDO VELASQUEZ AND I
21 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS A COUPLE OF COMPLICATIONS WITH THE LAW
22 SO I COULD LET GO OF SOME GRUDGES AND RESENTMENTS. 1995 I WAS
23 ARRESTED FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO GIVE UP SOMEBODY WHO HAD DONE A
24 CRIME AND SO THE BOOK WAS THROWN ON ME. WHILE IN PRISON, I GOT
25 (INAUDIBLE) OF THE LARGE INTESTINE. IT TOOK THEM SIX WEEKS TO



1 SEE ME AND WHILE I WAS GOING OUT TO THE PODIUM TO GET TOILET
2 PAPER THEY WOULD CALL ME S-H-I-T BOY. IN I WAS (INAUDIBLE) I
3 WAS INCARCERATED BECAUSE I WAS HANDCUFFED BEING KICKED IN THE
4 BACK AND DURING THAT TIME I KIND OF LIKE WRAPPED MY LEG AROUND
5 THE OFFICER AND HE FELL DOWN ON TOP OF ME AND HE PUNCHED ME A
6 COUPLE OF TIMES AND I WAS GETTING A CHARGE FOR RESISTING AN
7 OFFICER WITH FORCE AND I DON'T THINK THAT WAS OF FORCE
8 INVOLVED IN THAT MATTER AND JUST A LOT OF WASTED TIME AND
9 BEING ON PAROLE FOR EIGHT YEARS AND I HOLD RESENTMENT. BUT NOW
10 I THINK THERE'S THINGS THAT I COULD DO TO HEAR MY VOICE. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
16 SOMEBODY MENTIONED EARLIER THAT THEY HAD BEEN ARRESTED BACK ON
17 JANUARY 15TH. THIS IS THE STORY FROM THE DAILY BREEZE JANUARY
18 9TH. MAX HUNTSMAN TALKS ABOUT AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL BE CLOSED
19 THAT WILL ALLOW HIM TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET INFORMATION
20 FROM WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THESE CASES. WHATEVER
21 HAPPENED TO THAT ORDINANCE? WHERE ARE YOU AT WITH AN ORDINANCE
22 THAT MAX HUNTSMAN WAS TALKING ABOUT? BECAUSE PEOPLE TALK ABOUT
23 A LEGISLATIVE LOG JAM. WITHOUT AN ORDINANCE THAT HE'S TALKING
24 ABOUT, HE'S GOT NO TOOLS. HE IS A TOOL. SOMEBODY MENTIONED
25 OBSERVING WHATEVER GOES ON IN COUNTY JAILS. YOU NEED TO



1 OBSERVE WHAT GOES ON HERE. THIS IS WHERE THE FIRE IS. THESE
2 ARE THE PEOPLE NEGOTIATING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
3 THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ENABLE THEM. TODAY'S MOTION IS
4 CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING LAW. TELL YOU WHAT, START OF THE
5 MEETING, CLAP ON, CLAP OFF. REMEMBER HOW THAT WENT. THAT'S THE
6 LANGUAGE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS, JUST SO YOUR
9 INFORMATION, THE ORDINANCE IS ON THE AGENDA TODAY. SO READ THE
10 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I READ THE AGENDA. THAT ENABLES THEM TO GET THE
13 INFORMATION THEY NEED. (CONTINUED OFF MIC).

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **MIKE CHATTOM:** MY NAME IS MIKE CHATTOM, I'M FROM THE CITY OF
18 COMPTON, COMMUNITY LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW
19 THAT WE STRONGLY URGE FOR A COMMITTEE THAT HAS OVERSIGHT AS
20 WELL AS TO WATCH THESE OFFICERS WHO COME OUT OF THE JAILS AND
21 THEN CONTROL OUR STREETS OUR "PATROL" SO THEY SAY. BUT WE KNOW
22 THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SHOOTING AND HAS BEEN A LOT OF LITIGATION
23 AND HAS BEEN A LOT OF MURDERS UNNECESSARILY. JUST THE LAST
24 FIVE WEEKS GO I WAS ABLE TO SEE SOME OF THIS GO DOWN IN THE
25 CITY OF COMPTON. A YOUNG MAN WAS SHOT ALMOST 31 TIMES. SO HE'S



1 MURDERED BUT THE OTHER ONE THEY TRIED TO KILL IN ORDER SO THAT
2 HE WOULD NOT BE A WITNESS. SO WE ARE MONITORING THESE ISSUES
3 AND CONCERNS. SO WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT WHEN OFFICERS PERHAPS
4 UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE, THEY PERHAPS ARE TAKING DRUGS. AND
5 THEY NEED TO BE TESTED. THEY NEED TO HAVE A TOXICOLOGY REPORT.
6 AND THAT'S ANOTHER THING THAT YOU NEED TO IMPLEMENT IN YOUR
7 POLICY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE TESTED FOR WHAT THEY'RE
8 DOING. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

11

12 **HUGH KENNY:** HI, MY NAME IS HUGH KENNY. WHEN I WAS 18 I DID A
13 YEAR IN RIKERS ISLAND PENITENTIARY IN NEW YORK. AND I DID
14 OKAY. BUT MOSTLY I WAS LIVING IN FEAR. THEN I JUST HAD TO BE
15 AFRAID OF THE OTHER INMATES. AND I GOT THROUGH THAT. THE THING
16 I WANT TO STRESS BECAUSE YOU TALK ABOUT TIME AND WE'LL DO
17 THINGS IN SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR, YOU NEED TO TAKE THE POINT OF
18 VIEW OF SOMEBODY WHO IS IN JAIL, IN PRISON WHERE TIME IS
19 REALLY LONG AND VERY PAINFUL AND VERY EMOTIONAL. IT'S A
20 DIFFERENT TIME FRAME THAN DOING THINGS IN SIX MONTHS OR A
21 YEAR. AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD PUT THAT INTO YOUR
22 EQUATIONS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, NEXT?

25



1 **ROSE HUGH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROSE. I'M WITH THE LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION AND I AM ALSO PART OF VETERANS
3 ARE US NEWS. AND I JUST WANTED TO OFFER A POSSIBLE SOLUTION
4 FOR EVERYBODY'S VOICE TO BE HEARD FURTHER. BOTH SIDES OF THE
5 FENCE: SHERIFFS, BOARD, PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED. I WORK
6 WITH THOSE WHO ARE DISABLED. I AM ALSO WORKING AGAIN WITH MY
7 FRIEND WHO IS A RETIRED U.S. MARINE WHO WANTS TO HELP THE
8 HOMELESS VETERANS. PLEASE TAKE DOWN HIS NUMBER. AREA CODE 310-
9 266-9465. HIS NAME IS SERGEANT BUDDY WILLIS CLARK. HE HAS AN
10 INTERNET NEWS RADIO SHOW EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT FROM 8 TO 9 P.M.
11 TAKE THIS NAME DOWN, PLEASE. SKIDROWRADIO.NET. AND THE TITLE
12 OF HIS SHOW IS "OCCUPY SKID ROW." WE'D LOVE TO HAVE EVERYBODY
13 ON THIS SHOW TALKING AND COMING TOGETHER BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE
14 THERE ARE SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

17

18 **ROBERT LUCAS:** MY NAME IS ROBERT ALLEN LUCAS. I'M HERE ON A
19 LITTLE ABOUT IT DIFFERENT SUBJECT BUT IT RUNS PARALLEL WITH A
20 LOT OF THIS. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. IN
21 THE '60S. I SEEN WHAT RACISM WAS. I'VE LIVED WHAT HATRED IS.
22 YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT P.T.S.D., IT'S TAKEN ME 25 YEARS TO GET
23 OUT OF THE PRISON SYSTEM BEFORE I REALIZED THAT. I HAVE A
24 LITTLE PIECE OF A SOLUTION FOR SOME OF THE ISSUES WE DEAL WITH
25 DOWNTOWN. THE P.T.S.D., SUBSTANCE ABUSE, THE MENTALLY ILL. THE



1 PROBLEM IS WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM. WE CAN'T
2 MEDICATE THEM AND PUTTING THEM ON THE STREETS, THEY END UP IN
3 PRISON. THEN IT TAKES MORE OF A MAN TO TRY AND GET OUT FROM
4 UNDERNEATH THAT. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I WILL BE BACK. I
5 HAVE A PASSION. SANDY HOOK CHANGED THE COURSE OF MY LIFE. THIS
6 IS THE CITY OF ANGELS. REMEMBER, THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT PUT
7 YOU IN POWER. AND YOU'RE WITNESSING ALL OF THEM HERE TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES THE
10 PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN MAY I SIMPLY MOVE S-1 AND ASK
13 THAT WE DO A ROLL CALL ON THAT?

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE HAVE 57-A THAT'S ON THE TABLE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND I
18 BELIEVE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO I WOULD MOVE S-1.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. I THINK IT'S
23 APPROPRIATE, A NUMBER OF FOLKS HAVE MADE SOME COMMENT AND I
24 REALLY BELIEVE AND LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY. OBVIOUSLY THERE
25 CONTINUES TO BE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES. I THINK EVERYONE UP HERE



1 HAS THE SAME GOAL THE MOTIVATION TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR SHERIFF
2 DEPARTMENT OPERATES WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND INTEGRITY. I THINK
3 RICHARD DROOYAN PUT IT THE BEST. AFTER VERY SIGNIFICANT
4 FRUSTRATION BY ALL OF US, WE TOOK A VERY AGGRESSIVE STANCE ON
5 THE ISSUES CONFRONTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE CREATED A
6 CITIZEN'S JAIL COMMISSION WHICH DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB THUS
7 FAR AND THERE'S STILL WORK TO DO. IT HAD AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT
8 UNDER OUR INTERIM SHERIFF SCOTT. THEY RECOMMENDED AN INSPECTOR
9 GENERAL. WHICH WE AGREED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH NOW AND WE AGREED
10 TO DO THAT UNANIMOUSLY. AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON THE PATH OF
11 REFORM. ADDING ANOTHER COMMISSION AT THIS POINT OR COMMITTEE
12 WITH NO CONTROL OR POWER, I REALLY BELIEVE WILL GET US NOWHERE
13 AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME. WE NEED TO LOOK AND OPERATE.
14 IN FACT LAYING OVERSIGHT ON TOP OF OVERSIGHT LEADS TO MORE
15 MEETINGS AND MORE MEETINGS AND MORE REPORTS. WE SEEM TO HAVE A
16 HABIT OF CREATING A COMMISSION EVERY TIME THERE IS AN ISSUE
17 WITH THE COUNTY. AND IT REALLY SLOWS US DOWN. I REALLY THINK
18 FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. I'VE BEEN VERY CLEAR ABOUT THIS UP FRONT,
19 I AM NOT IN OPPOSITION TO A COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION AT SOME
20 POINT IN TIME. I REALLY THINK WE NEED TO ACT AND MOVE FORWARD
21 WITH THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND GET THAT UP AND
22 RUNNING AND SEE WHAT SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE WE GET. THE
23 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT. AND AT SOME POINT IF IT IS NOT WORKING, THEN WE
25 CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION.



1 BECAUSE I'M COMMITTED TO REALLY HELP THE VAST MAJORITY. THE
2 THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT, OUR
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO HAD BEEN MENTIONED HERE TODAY PUT
4 THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EACH AND EVERY DAY OPERATE UNDER CLEAR
5 LINES OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND BE PROUD OF THE
6 WORK THAT THEY DO AND THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE. AND WE DO HAVE
7 BAD APPLES AND WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THAT IN A VERY, VERY
8 AGGRESSIVE WAY. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, I REALLY BELIEVE AT
9 THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN RESPONDING TO OUR OVERSIGHT
10 COMMISSION, THE ORIGINALLY ONE JAIL VIOLENCE MOVE FORWARD WITH
11 THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. AND I AM NOT SUPPORTING S.-1.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO JUST SAY THAT HAVING MORE IS NOT
18 ALWAYS BETTER BECAUSE IN THE PAST, AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD THE
19 OMBUDSMAN. WE HAD MERRICK BOBB. EVEN THE A.C.L.U. WAS
20 MONITORING THE JAILS. THEY WERE ALL BEING PAID TO DO THAT. AND
21 WHAT HAPPENED, WE HAD A JAIL COMMISSION. AND THE JAIL
22 COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE HAD IN MIND WHEN THEY PROPOSED
23 COMBINING THESE FUNCTIONS UNDER ONE UMBRELLA WAS TO GIVE THE
24 INSPECTOR GENERAL THE INVESTIGATIVE AND AUDITING FUNCTION.
25 UNLIKE POLICE CHIEFS, WE ALL KNOW THE SHERIFF IS ELECTED,



1 WHICH MEANS HE CANNOT BE FIRED. IF THEY CHOOSE TO IGNORE WHAT
2 THE BOARD OR THE PUBLIC WANTS, ONLY THE PUBLIC CAN REMOVE THE
3 SHERIFF FROM OFFICE. UNLESS HE'S IMPEACHED. THE BOARD NEEDS TO
4 CONTINUE THE ENGAGEMENT THROUGH OUR REGULAR SET ITEMS ON
5 SHERIFF MATTERS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DOING. WE ARE IN THE BEST
6 POSITION TO REPRESENT THE PUBLIC BECAUSE WE REPRESENT THE SAME
7 CONSTITUENCY AS THE SHERIFF AND WE ALLOCATE THE SHERIFF'S
8 BUDGET. THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BODY CREATED TO SERVER AS A
9 FORUM FOR THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS DOES NOT HAVE
10 TEETH. HAVING THAT BODY REPORT TO THIS BOARD EITHER SEPARATELY
11 OR TOGETHER WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ONLY COMPOUNDS THE
12 DILLUSION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND CREATES REDUNDANCIES UNLESS IT
13 IS CREATED TO FILL GAPS IDENTIFIED IN THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S
14 OFFICE AFTER IT IS FULLY OPERATIONAL. SO MOVING FORWARD WITH
15 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS THE WAY TO GO TO ADDRESS THESE
16 VARIOUS ISSUES TO BRING THE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE COUNTY OF
17 LOS ANGELES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THERE'S A MOTION TO MOVE
20 FORWARD ON S-1. IS THERE A SECOND? IT'S BEEN MOVED AND
21 SECONDED; ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE I DO THAT FOR
24 ITEM NO. 57-A, WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS ITEM. THIS ITEM WILL



1 DIE FOR LACK OF A SECOND. ON THE ITEM S-1, I'LL CALL THE ROLL.

2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION FAILS TO CARRY. (BOOS FROM
23 AUDIENCE) .

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PLEASE, PLEASE, MR. CHAIRMAN. I MOVE THAT
2 THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAKER.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS ITEM WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS,
10 IF WE CAN DO A COUPLE HOUSEKEEPING THINGS. ON ITEM NO. 30,
11 WHICH WAS BEING HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALSO BEEN CONTINUED A WEEK.

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15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM 30, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE
16 YOU.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN'T HEAR YOU.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS HAS RELEASED
21 THE HOLD. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL
22 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THAT MATTER, THE THRUST
25 OF IT WAS SIMPLY TO JOIN YOU IN STRESSING THE URGENCY OF THESE



1 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES AND THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR
2 CONSTRUCTION IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE WISHES OF BOTH THE
3 CHAIRMAN AND MYSELF IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE AREA
4 THAT WE BOTH JOINTLY REPRESENT. THAT WAS THE THRUST OF THE
5 CONCERN.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY TOTALLY CONCUR WITH THAT.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ON ITEM CS-3, THIS WAS
10 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION
11 OF COUNTY COUNSEL.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THAT WILL BE CONTINUED A WEEK.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CS-3.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, COULD WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT,
20 11 AND 51.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. DOES THIS PROPOSED
23 ORDINANCE BEFORE US CONSIDER THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS
24 WHICH IS STATE LAW? IN OTHER WORDS IS THE SHERIFF LEGALLY ABLE



1 TO GRANT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ACCESS TO PERSONAL RECORDS
2 WITHOUT BREECHING THE STATE LAW?

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4 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR, THE
5 ORDINANCE WAS DRAFTED WITH GREAT DEAL OF CONSIDERATION TO THE
6 APPLICABLE LAWS REQUIRING CONFIDENTIALITY OF POLICE OFFICER
7 PERSONNEL RECORDS. THE ORDINANCE HAS A VERY SPECIFIC PROVISION
8 REQUIRING THAT ANY ACCESS THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL GETS THE
9 CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS, THE CONFIDENTIALITY MUST BE MAINTAINED.
10 AND WE BELIEVE THE ORDINANCE REFLECTS THAT. AND APPROPRIATELY
11 PROVIDES FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF THOSE
12 RECORDS.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE ANSWER WOULD BE WHAT IS BEFORE US DOES
15 MEET STATE LAW?

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17 **RICHARD WEISS:** IN OUR OPINION, IT DOES.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT. MOVE APPROVAL.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE MOVE BOTH ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME?

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25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
3 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ITEM
4 51 AND 11.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE ITEM NO. 24
7 THAT'S BEING HELD BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU ARE HOLDING
10 ITEM NO. 24.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE JUST WANT TO THANK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
13 FOR RUNNING THIS PROJECT WITH MIRA LOMA SO THE CONSTRUCTION OF
14 BOTH PROJECTS WILL COME TO US AS A PACKAGE NEXT YEAR.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SPEAK INTO THE MIC.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE THANKING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR
19 ENSURING THAT THE MIRA LOMA IS BEING DONE AS A JOINT PROJECT
20 AND IT WILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD NEXT YEAR.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
23 PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THAT. KIM MCGILL. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. DWAYNE
24 DICKINSON. ARE THEY HERE? COME FORWARD. SHANNON SOPER, DAYVON
25 WILLIAMS, ABRAHAM COLUNGA. WAS HERE. I THINK I SAW SOME ON THE



1 LEFT. CHRISTOPHER POOL. ANTOINE OLIVER. JOSE BORJA? WHITNEY
2 RICHARDS-CALATHES. MICHAEL MARTINEZ. JUAN PENA. FREDERICK
3 GIVHAN, DIANA ZUNIGA. JONATHAN TORRES, MARITZA GALVEZ, SIDNEY
4 HAMMOND. GO AHEAD.

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6 **JOE MAIZLISH:** MY NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH. MOST OF THE FACTORS IN
7 2013 REPORT IT HAD A LIST OF WHAT COULD AFFECT JAIL SIZE IN
8 THE FUTURE. MOST OF THOSE FACTORS ARE HEADED IN THE REDUCTION,
9 DIRECTION. SPLITS, PRETRIAL, YOU FOLKS ARE STARTING DIVERSION.
10 I'M VERY GLAD TO SEE YOU SUPPORT THAT AND THE DRUG WAR IS
11 FADING. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID MAY 6 THAT THE WRIST SLAP
12 AND RELEASE OF SHORT-TERM IS NOT A GOOD SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.
13 I AGREE, ACTUALLY. I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A STUDY, THOUGH.
14 DON'T ASSUME THAT MORE INCARCERATION, LONGER TERMS, WHATEVER
15 WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT YOU HAVE RAISED. THAT REQUIRES
16 STUDY OF ALL THE CHOICES WE HAVE. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND
17 WHERE NECESSARY CONFINEMENT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID THAT
18 PLENTIFUL JAIL SPACE IS HELPFUL IN ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO USE
19 PROGRAMS AND STICK WITH THEIR RESTRICTIONS. THAT'S SO, BUT WE
20 GOT TO EXAMINE THAT, TOO. DOES SOMETHING ELSE WORK BETTER? A
21 COMBINATION OF SERVICES, TREATMENT, SUPERVISION CONDITIONS AND
22 IF NECESSARY CONFINEMENT IS PART OF THE PICTURE, TOO, BUT NOT
23 TO THE DEGREE WE HAVE NOW. THE USE OF THE \$14.5 MILLION YOU'RE
24 CONSIDERING TODAY MUST BE USED TO STUDY ALL THE POLICY CHOICES
25 TO CREATE GOOD ASSESSMENTS AND THEN YOU'LL KNOW WHAT WE NEED



1 IN THE WAY OF FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS, A BALANCED PICTURE.
2 THAT'S WHERE THE 14.5 MILLION SHOULD GO. AND IT'S A DANGER FOR
3 PUBLIC SERVICE NOT TO USE IT THAT WAY.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARC ANTHONY JOHNSON, CHRISTIN WANG,
6 JAYTON DAVIS, LESLIE WALKER. RANESHA MATTHEWS. ISABEL GALVEZ
7 PATRICE CULLORS, JAS WADE. AND ALEX SALAZAR. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

8

9 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** DIANA ZUNIGA AGAIN WITH CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR
10 A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS, ALSO A MEMBER OF
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DISTRICT FOR 25 YEARS. I AM HERE TO ASK
12 THAT YOU ALL HALT THESE JAIL PLANS. THERE IS NO NEED TO
13 CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD AND CONTINUE WASTING MONEY ON THESE
14 PLANS WHEN THERE ARE CLEAR ALTERNATIVES THAT WE COULD
15 IMPLEMENT. THERE WERE SEVERAL TOOLS SET ASIDE BY THE STATE FOR
16 YOU ALL TO BE ABLE TO USE THOSE TOOLS AND REDUCE THE JAIL
17 POPULATION, SUCH AS RISK ASSESSMENT WHICH WOULD HELP US CREATE
18 A PRETRIAL PROGRAM. ALSO THE ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY PROGRAM FOR
19 MEN AND WOMEN THAT WAS ALSO PASSED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.
20 SPLIT SENTENCING THAT JACKIE LACEY HAS ALREADY CREATED A
21 MOTION TO START BEGIN IMPLEMENTING. THE COMPREHENSIVE
22 DIVERSION PLAN THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS COMMITTED TO.
23 WE HAVE TO THINK OF THESE THINGS BEFORE WE CONTINUE SPENDING
24 MORE AND MORE MONEY ON THESE JAILS THAT ARE TRAUMATIZING AND
25 VIOLATING OUR PEOPLE. THERE IS NO NEED TO DO THIS RIGHT NOW.



1 AND PLEASE, I'M ASKING YOU TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT THE
2 BIGGER PICTURE OF THINGS. L.A. CAN DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SPEAKER:** AND YOU NEED TO DO IT. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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10 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MARK-
11 ANTHONY JOHNSON WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I ALSO WANT TO
12 ECHO THE CONCERN AROUND MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS JAIL PLAN. AT
13 LAST WEEK'S MEETING I HAD VERY IMPORTANT DISCUSSION AROUND
14 DIVERSION. AND PART OF THAT DISCUSSION INCLUDED NEEDED FOR A
15 MORE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT \$20 MILLION
16 IS JUST A DOWN PAYMENT, IT'S ONLY 1 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF
17 MONEY THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SPEND FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION PLAN.
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HIMSELF HAD NAMED THAT THE SIZE OF YOUR
19 DIVERSION PLAN, THE COMPREHENSIVENESS, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
20 THAT DIVERSION PLAN COULD IMPACT WHETHER OR NOT THE SIZE OF
21 THIS JAIL. AND I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE ALL THOSE THINGS INTO
22 CONSIDERATION AND BUILD THE MOST ROBUST DIVERSION PLAN
23 POSSIBLE BEFORE YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH A JAIL PLAN. THANK YOU.

24



1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US. MOVED.
2 SECOND? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. YEAH. OKAY. PASSES
3 THREE TO ONE. THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT TO COME UP FOR A MINUTE
4 THAT'S FINE. YOU ALREADY SPOKE ON IT. I'M GIVING YOU A SECOND
5 BITE AT THE APPLE.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** A LOT OF PEOPLE SPOKE TODAY ABOUT THE JAIL
8 PROGRAM THAT'S UNDERWAY. AND TO REFRESH THE MEMORY, IT IS A
9 MAJOR PROGRAM APPROVED BY THREE OUT OF FIVE SUPERVISORS.
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY JUST REMINDED HE'S AGAINST. SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS BRAVELY ABSTAINED WHICH I DON'T UNDERSTAND. BUT
12 I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PUBLIC TODAY CAME DOWN IN
13 GREAT NUMBERS AND A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THESE PEOPLE DON'T WANT
14 AN EXPANSION OF THESE JAILS AS YOU KNOW. I DIDN'T HEAR ONE
15 PERSON SPEAK TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE S-1 ITEM OR 24, WHICH IS
16 RELATED, WHICH IS THE ROLLOUT OF A MULTIBILLION DOLLARS JAIL
17 PLAN. SO I THINK THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE TO REALLY ASK
18 THEMSELVES: HOW RESPONSIVE TO THE PUBLIC IS THIS? AND HOW DOES
19 IT FEEL TO KNOW THAT THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO JUST CAME DOWN AND
20 TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR DAY OF A REGULAR WEEKDAY. BUT THERE'S A
21 LOT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT THE GOOD KNOWLEDGE LIKE JOE
22 MAIZLISH WAS TALKING ABOUT OTHER THINGS WE CAN AND SHOULD BE
23 DOING AND STUDYING BEFORE WE ROLL OUT SUCH A ROBUST AND COSTLY
24 PROGRAM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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3 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ALSO ONE OTHER
4 HOUSEKEEPING ITEM IF WE COULD TAKE THAT UP RIGHT NOW WAS THE
5 SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ON CS-1 TODAY. AND WE ARE GOING TO TAKE
6 THAT OFF CALENDAR?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONTINUE IT FOR ONE WEEK.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE ALSO HAVE ITEM CS-3 THAT WE'LL
11 CONTINUE ONE WEEK WHICH WE DID EARLIER. BUT WE POSTED IT AS A
12 SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION. WE ARE TAKING IT OFF CALENDAR?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** POST IT FOR NEXT WEEK, THEN. CS-3, OKAY,
15 I GOT YOU. ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENT?

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ADJOURNMENTS. GUESS I'M UP FIRST HERE.
20 FIRST OF ALL I'LL READ IN SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
21 ADJOURNMENTS. WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BRENDA MARSH-MITCHELL
22 WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 2ND. BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES.
23 DEDICATED HER LIFE TO SERVING OTHERS. WAS A MEMBER OF THE
24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE "LOS ANGELES SENTINEL" AND A SPECIAL
25 ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT. SHE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF MOTHERS



1 IN ACTION AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VICE
2 PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE.
3 ALSO A LONG TIME MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN.
4 SHE HAD A LONG CAMPAIGN OF PLANNING, ORGANIZING, COMMUNITY
5 FUNDRAISING, POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. MOTIVATING AND ORGANIZING AND
6 MOBILIZING THE VERY SUCCESSFUL MARCHES AND RALLIES INCLUDING
7 THE MILLION MAN MARCH. WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER COMMITMENT,
8 INCREDIBLE DEDICATION TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE
9 THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A PIONEER, LEADER AND
10 RECIPIENT OF THE MOTHER OF THE YEAR AND WOMEN OF THE YEAR
11 AWARDS. MARSH-MITCHELL IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE DAUGHTERS AND
12 TWO GRANDSONS AND WILL MISS HER DEARLY. SO ORDERED. I WILL
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY, FIRST OF ALL MR. JESS MARLOW. LONGTIME LOS
14 ANGELES TELEVISION NEWS MAN WHO PASSED AWAY AUGUST 4TH AT THE
15 AGE OF 84. JESS WAS FROM SALEM, ILLINOIS AND STARTED HIS
16 TELEVISION CAREER, THIS IS WHERE I FIRST MET HIM, WAY, WAY
17 BACK. W.H.B.F. TV IN ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS. HE LATER MOVED TO
18 SAN JOSE AND WAS HIRED BY K.N.B.C. IN 1966. HE WORKED FOR FOUR
19 DECADES ON LOS ANGELES TELEVISION AS AN ANCHOR ON K.N.B.C AND
20 K.C.B.S. HE HOSTED "NEWS CONFERENCE" ON N.B.C. AND ANCHORED
21 WITH TOM BROKAW AND CONNIE CHUNG HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE WAS A
22 STRAIGHTFORWARD AND HIGHLY REGARDED ANCHOR. HE COVERED
23 EVERYTHING FROM LOCAL NEWS AND POLITICS TO VIETNAM AND THE
24 FALL OF THE SOVIET UNION. FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT IN 1997, HE
25 HOSTED "LIFE AND TIMES," A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC AFFAIRS



1 SHOW. HE WAS AWARDED AN EMMY FOR A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT. STAR
2 ON THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME. SURVIVED BY WIFE AND DAUGHTER,
3 SUSAN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES "JIM" BRADY, A
4 FORMER PRESS SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. HE WAS KNOWN AS
5 THE AFFABLE, WITTY PRESS SECRETARY WHO SURVIVED A DEVASTATING
6 HEAD WOUND IN 1981 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN.
7 IN HIS PERSONAL UNDERTAKING STRIVING ON GUN CONTROL. HE
8 SUFFERED BRAIN DAMAGE PARTIAL PARALYSIS, SHORT-TERM MEMORY
9 IMPAIRMENT, CONSTANT PAIN FROM HIS WOUND. EVEN AFTER HE WAS
10 WOUNDED, HE WAS SOMEBODY WHO SHOWED HIS PATRIOTISM AND
11 COMMITMENT TO THE COUNTRY BY BEING VERY OUTSPOKEN ON THE
12 ISSUES OF GUN CONTROL WHICH WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM. HE FELT VERY
13 STRONGLY. HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE GREAT MEN
14 WHO RISKED HIS LIFE FOR ANOTHER GREAT MAN. SURVIVED BY HIS
15 WIFE SARAH, SON SCOTT, DAUGHTER MELISSA. WE EXPRESS OUR
16 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. I WOULD SAY ALL MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE
17 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CALVIN EUGENE GRAY, SECURITY OFFICER
18 ASSIGNED TO COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY JULY 29TH AGE OF 33 AND
20 FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN. HE WAS TRAGICALLY SHOT SITTING IN
21 HIS CAR. HE WORKED AS A SECURITY OFFICER AT THE HARBOR-
22 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER FOR FOUR YEARS AND PRIOR TO THAT
23 WORKED AS A SECURITY GUARD AT SEVERAL PROBATION OFFICES. HE IS
24 SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER MARGARET, THREE CHILDREN, LAUREN,
25 CALVIN, KADEN. FOUR BROTHERS, DERRICK, DONNY, DARWIN, VIRGIL



1 AND A SISTER JOEANN. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY,
2 FRIENDS AND HIS MANY COWORKERS. SO ORDERED. MIKE?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALSO HAD JESS MARLOW AND HE WAS
5 CONSTITUENT FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE HE RETIRED AND MOVED OUT OF
6 THE STATE. FINE MAN. LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLYDE BENNETT EAST,
7 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 30TH AT THE AGE OF 93. HE SERVED AS A
8 MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS FOR 24 YEARS AND
9 THEN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FLYING 250 MISSIONS. HE HELD THE
10 HIGHEST NUMBER OF REPEAT COMBAT MEDALS WHICH STOOD IN THE
11 GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS FOR 13 YEARS. IN 2013 HE COMPLETED HIS
12 AUTOBIOGRAPHY "THE WAY IT HAPPENED" AND IN JANUARY OF THIS
13 YEAR HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE AMERICAN HEROES GALLERY AT THE
14 REAGAN LIBRARY WHERE HE WAS ALSO A DOCENT. HE'S SURVIVED BY
15 HIS WIFE MARGARET AND SIX CHILDREN. DR. GERALD NADLER WAS A
16 FORMER MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY QUALITY PRODUCTIVITY
17 COMMISSION PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF
18 I.B.M. U.S.C. ENGINEERING PROFESSOR. GRADUATED PURDUE
19 UNIVERSITY INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE
20 CENTER FOR BREAK THROUGH THINKING. SERVED ON THE PRODUCTIVITY
21 COMMISSION AND THE INVESTMENT BOARD. STRATEGIC FORESIGHT
22 WORKING GROUP AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. AUTHOR OF
23 15 BOOKS, 225 PUBLISHED ARTICLES, RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR
24 HIS LEADERSHIP. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ELAINE AND THREE CHILDREN
25 AND ONE BROTHER. THIS WAS A COMMISSION I ESTABLISHED IN 1981



1 THAT SAVED THE COUNTY NEARLY \$4 BILLION SINCE BEING
2 INSTITUTED. HE WAS A STRONG PROPONENT AND LEADER IN THAT
3 COMMISSION. JIM BRADY WHO WAS PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PRESS
4 SECRETARY SURVIVED THAT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT
5 WHEN HE WAS SHOT. BRADY WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD. HE PASSED AWAY
6 AT THE AGE OF 73. BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF
7 ILLINOIS AND WORKED FORMERLY PRIOR TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, WORKED
8 FOR SENATOR EVERETT DIRKSEN, SENATOR WILLIAM ROTH, AND
9 ASSISTANT TO DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD. THAT GUNSHOT
10 THAT NEARLY KILLED THE PRESIDENT CREATED -- JIM NEVER FULLY
11 RECOVERED FROM. IT WAS A GREAT LOSS WHEN THAT OCCURRED. AND HE
12 REMAINED A STRONG VOICE AFTER HE WAS SHOT WITH HIS WIFE SARAH,
13 HIS TWO CHILDREN, WHO STOOD BY HIM THE ENTIRE TIME. DON
14 MIRISCH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67, GRADUATE OF HARVARD LAW
15 SCHOOL. WAS A VETERAN WHO HELD EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AT FOX,
16 UNIVERSAL AND M.G.M. AND HE WAS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF
17 M.G.M.'S ANIMATION, REESTABLISHED ANIMATION UNIT THAT WAS
18 ABANDONED IN THE LATE '50S. HE WAS A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF
19 THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURES ARTS AND SCIENCES, SURVIVED BY
20 WIFE ROBERTA AND HIS CHILDREN, SISTERS AND GRANDCHILDREN AND
21 NUMBER OF COUSINS INCLUDING THE PAST MAYOR OF BEVERLY HILLS.
22 FORMER PASADENA POLICE CHIEF BRUCE PHILPOTT PASSED AWAY AT THE
23 AGE OF 70. SERVED THE PASADENA POLICE FORCE FOR OVER 25 YEARS.
24 INVOLVED WITH THE LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF PASADENA. HE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER KENT AND HIS THREE CHILDREN. RICHARD



1 WALLACE RETIRED SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY ON JULY 26TH. HE HAD RETIRED FROM THE
3 BISCAILUZ CENTER, 95. ANNA JEANETTE STANLEY. LONGTIME RESIDENT
4 OF SANTA CLARITA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE WAS WITH
5 THE RED CROSS DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS A VOLUNTEER AT THE
6 V.A. HOSPITAL. JAMES RICHARD ROSENQUIST LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF
7 PALMDALE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 56. HE TAUGHT MUSIC AT THE
8 ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVELS FOR 28 YEARS. JEFFREY
9 "JEFF" ARTHUR ROGERS SERVED THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
10 FOR 25 YEARS, RETIRING AS A LIEUTENANT. HE DEVELOPED
11 L.A.P.D.'S SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS SWAT UNIT AND LED AS
12 THE COMMANDER AND ALSO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
13 COUNTERTERRORISM TACTICS THAT WERE USED BY THE SPECIAL UNITS
14 OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DURING THE 1984 OLYMPIC GAMES IN LOS
15 ANGELES. DONALD JOSEPH PRADO, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY RESIDENT,
16 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE
17 INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR TRANSAMERICA INSURANCE. FRANK JAMES
18 GRADO, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
19 OF 83. SERVED AS A LIEUTENANT UNITED STATES NAVY. PRACTICED
20 DENTISTRY IN LANCASTER FOR 53 YEARS. MARTIN FILIKIAN, LONGTIME
21 RESIDENT OF PASADENA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. DURING
22 WORLD WAR II, HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE FORCED TO LIVE FOR FIVE
23 YEARS IN A REFUGEE CAMP IN STUTTGART, GERMANY. WITH HIS
24 BROTHER, CHARLIE, HE FOUNDED A FLOOR-COVERING INSTALLATION
25 BUSINESS, FELIKIAN'S CARPET IN PASADENA. SURVIVED BY HIS



1 BROTHER, HIS TWO CHILDREN, HIS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. MR.
2 CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO READ AN URGENCY PROCLAMATION. "BEGINNING
3 AUGUST 3RD, SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
4 ANGELES RESULTING IN THE DAMAGE OF PROPERTY, TRIGGERED DEBRIS
5 AND MUD FLOWS AND ROCKSLIDES, BLOCKED CULVERTS, DAMAGED
6 BRIDGES CAUSING A CLOSURE OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTES. SEVERAL
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE ENGAGED IN EMERGENCY
8 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES RELATING TO AND AMONG OTHER
9 THINGS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FIRE AND RESCUE, PUBLIC WORKS AND
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS MONITORING THE REQUIREMENTS OF
11 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHERS WITH ACCESS AND
12 FUNCTIONAL NEEDS. THE HEAVY RAIN DAMAGE HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT
13 ON LOCAL BUSINESSES, INDIVIDUAL AND TRANSPORTATION ROUTES.
14 ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THOSE BUSINESSES AND
15 INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RECOVER FROM THIS EVENT.
16 THE OVERALL DOLLAR COST TO THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IS
17 STILL BEING ASSESSED. THESE CONDITIONS NECESSITATE THE
18 PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN OUR
19 COUNTY. EMERGENCY WILL REQUIRE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACTED
20 AREAS TO ASSURE THE EXTENT OF ALL MITIGATIONS AND RECOVERY
21 EFFORTS AND THE SAFETY OF ALL PERSONNEL AND REENTRY. I WOULD
22 MOVE THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION AUGUST
23 5TH RELATING TO THE HEAVY RAINS BEGINNING IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY ON AUGUST 3RD. THE PROCLAMATION SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT
25 UNTIL A DETERMINATION IS PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD. FORWARDING A



1 COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA
2 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WITH THE REQUEST THAT
3 THE DIRECTOR FIND IT ACCEPTABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW
4 AND REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION BE PROVIDED UNDER
5 THE CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT THAT THE STATE EXPEDITE
6 ACCESS TO FEDERAL RESOURCES AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE FEDERAL
7 DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS, DIRECTING THAT THE COUNTY
8 DEPARTMENTS IMPLEMENT ALL RESPONSE MITIGATION, RESTORATION AND
9 RECOVERY EFFORTS AS APPROPRIATE AND DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO
10 PROVIDE STATUS REPORTS EVERY 60 DAYS WHILE THE EMERGENCY
11 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERWAY. AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF
12 THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THIS PROCLAMATION."

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY WE SENSE OF URGENCY.

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16 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, YOUR BOARD MAY TAKE ACTION ON THAT MATTER
17 BASED ON THAT IT IS AN EMERGENCY TODAY.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
21 ORDERED.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN IF WE COULD DIRECT THE COUNTY
24 COUNSEL TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE BOARD ON CURRENT PROP A PARK
25 FUNDS, WHAT DOLLARS ARE AVAILABLE AND WHAT COUNTY OR STATE



1 REGULATIONS THAT PREVENT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE FUNDS. AND
2 IF THEY DO, WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE TO ACCESS THOSE FUNDS
3 FROM THE STATE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
8 LONGTIME FIRST DISTRICT RESIDENT MARIA F. LONGORIA. MARIA WAS
9 THE BELOVED MOTHER OF FIVE CHILDREN ALL OF WHOM BENEFITED FROM
10 HER ENORMOUS LOVE, DEVOTION AND WISDOM. HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES
11 TO THE FAMILY.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO
14 YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENT?
15 ROBERT LUCAS. CHRISTINA RONQUIST. ARNOLD SACHS. BRYAN TRAINOR,
16 FIRST FOUR? PATRICE KARST. ERIC PREVEN. IRENE PANG.

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18 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. ERIC PREVEN. COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT
19 3. I WANTED TO COMMENT THAT LAST WEEK I HEARD, I WAS NOT HERE
20 THAT ANDREA RICH PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS ONE OF THE BLUE RIBBON
21 COMMISSIONERS, AS YOU WELL KNOW. I WAS A BIG FAN OF HER VOICE
22 AND HER CLARITY ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WE WERE ALL FACING. AND
23 SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED CERTAINLY BY ME. AND I JUST WANTED
24 TO FOCUS ON THAT FOR ONE SECOND. IN CONCLUSION TODAY, TODAY WE
25 HAD A BIG HEARING WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CAME OUT. AND THAT



1 WAS VERY POWERFUL. UNFORTUNATELY THE BOARD WAS UNABLE TO MOVE
2 FROM ITS POSITION REGARDING CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. AND, TO ME,
3 THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG. THAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. I DON'T KNOW
4 WHAT THE BOARD IS WAITING FOR. I WOULD URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER
5 THAT AND TO CONSIDER WHAT 27 OR 37 EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO DO
6 FOR MAX HUNTSMAN, I MEAN, HONESTLY.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. KRISTIN WANG. K.A. BOOTS MAY AND
9 JOHN LEONARD? GO AHEAD.

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11 **IRENE PANG:** MY NAME IS IRENE. I CONCERNED THAT OUR RELATION
12 U.S. NEED OF THE WORKING INCIDENT AND FAITHFUL TO U.S. OUR
13 FAMILY MEMBER TO U.S. NATION AND GOVERNMENT BUT MY FAMILY
14 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN THE REVELATION ATTEMPT DURING THE WORKING
15 SITE ON THE LIVING. I CONCERNED THAT FOR MY FAMILY MEMBER AND
16 MYSELF TO THE U.S. NATION. THEIR SAFETY CONDITION AND THEIR
17 WORKING POSITION MY FAMILY MEMBER AND MYSELF FROM THE U.S.
18 GOVERNMENT THE CONCERN IS IN SUPPORT. SECOND, HOW SOME
19 GOVERNMENT STANDS FOR ALL PROCESS WORKING, WHY SO MANY
20 REVELATION IS ON THE RESIDENT AND THE CITIZENS. ANYONE BEFORE
21 YOU COME TO UNITED STATES, YOU NEED TO KNOW THE LESSONS POLICY
22 OF U.S. IS CAPITALISM. AND THAT LIVING BY WORKING EARNING.
23 FOUR, AND THEN MORE ON THE RESIDENTS. AND THE CITIZENS SUFFER
24 FROM THE REVELATION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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3 **CHRISTIN WANG:** HI. MY NAME IS CHRISTIN WANG. I'M WITH L.A. NO
4 MORE JAILS AND CRITICAL RESISTANCE. I STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH
5 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. JAILS ARE INHERENTLY VIOLENT.

6 INSTITUTING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WHILE EXPANDING JAILS IS

7 LIKE GIVING OUR COMMUNITY A PAIR OF BINOCULARS TO WATCH THE

8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DROP A BOMB. BASICALLY YOU ARE SAYING

9 WATCH US TRANSPARENTLY LOCK UP MORE PEOPLE IN A NEW, EXPANDED

10 MEN'S CENTRAL AND A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL IN MIRA LOMA. STOP JAIL

11 EXPANSION. AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE OVERSEEING FAR

12 LESS SHERIFFS AND FAR FEWER INCARCERATED PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DIANA RODRIGUEZ? KIM MCGILL?

15 WHITNEY RICHARDS-CALATHES, AND DAYVON WILLIAMS.

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

18 AND I WILL CORRECT YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AS A MATTER OF FACT,

19 I DO READ THE AGENDA. I FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT YOU ACTED ON

20 THOSE TWO ITEMS REGARDING MAX HUNTSMAN AND THE POWERS OF THE

21 INSPECTOR GENERAL AFTER EVERYBODY LEFT. THAT WAS THE KEY.

22 AFTER EVERYBODY LEFT. JUST HOW THIS BOARD ACTS.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS. IT WAS VOTED ON UP FRONT. IT

25 WAS ASKED -- YOU ASKED A QUESTION.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DIDN'T ASK A QUESTION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION. WE
5 RECONSIDERED IT. IT WAS ACTED ON EARLIER IN THE MEETING.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I MADE A STATEMENT. THEN YOU HAD TWO DIFFERENT
8 ITEMS ON THERE. YOU HAD THE GREEN SHEET ITEM FOR MARK RIDLEY-
9 THOMAS THAT WAS IN REGARD TO THE PEOPLE'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
10 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. TWO
11 DIFFERENT COMMITTEES ON THE BOARD AGENDA AGAIN. WHICH IS YOUR
12 MODUS OPERANDI. TWO DIFFERENT THINGS ALL THE TIME. BEEN ON
13 THIS DANCE A FEW TIMES, SIR. AND BY THE WAY, THE OVERSIGHT?
14 WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CAMERAS FOR THE JAIL, FOR THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT? WHERE ARE THEY AT AFTER THEY'VE GONE OFF THE
16 AGENDA?

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18 **JOHN LEONARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOHN LEONARD. I'M THE
19 REVENUE MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HERE ON BEHALF
20 OF THE CITY. THE CITY IS REQUESTING A MOTION BE INTRODUCED AT
21 THE NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TO RECIND THE
22 SUPERVISOR'S CURRENT OPPOSED POSITION ON A.B.2493. WE ARE
23 ASKING THAT THE COUNTY REMAIN NEUTRAL ON THE BILL. A.B.2493 IS
24 OFFERED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER RICHARD BLOOM AND HIS COAUTHOR BY
25 SENATORS TED LIEU AND RICARDO LARA. THESE OFFICIAL REQUESTS



1 FOR OUR SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, TO MAKE THIS
2 MOTION WAS DELIVERED VIA LETTER LAST THURSDAY. A.B.2493 WOULD
3 ALLOW THE CITY TO USE 2011 REDEVELOPMENT BOND PROCEEDS WHICH
4 WE ALREADY HOLD TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE CITY'S EAST
5 SIDE AND TO RENOVATE PLUMMER PARK. PLUMMER PARK SERVES BOTH
6 RESIDENTS OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND LOS ANGELES. IN PARTICULAR,
7 THE PARK IS HEAVILY USED BY SENIORS OF RUSSIAN DESCENT WHO
8 LIVE ON THE EAST SIDE MANY OF WHOM HAVE INCOME BELOW THE
9 POVERTY LINE AND DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN
10 THE PARK PROVIDES VITAL SERVICES TO THESE RESIDENTS AS WELL AS
11 MANY OTHER GROUPS. AS PART OF THE RENOVATIONS THEY WOULD
12 RECEIVE A NEW PERMANENT BUILDING REPLACING THE MODULAR ONE IT
13 IS LOCATED IN. THE PLANNING PROCESS OF PLUMMER PARK RENOVATION
14 BEGAN IN 1993 AND CONTINUED UNTIL THE BONDS WERE ISSUED IN
15 2011.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TIME'S UP. WE HAVE THE
18 LETTER. WE'LL PUT IT ON THE RECORD. IS THAT OKAY, MR.
19 YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS AN ODD WAY FOR A REQUEST LIKE THAT
22 TO BE MADE BUT THAT'S YOUR CHOICE. THERE ARE A LOT OF
23 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS BILL THAT WE STILL HAVE. THE ORIGINAL
24 BILL WAS DESIGNED TO AVOID EXACTLY WHAT A LOT OF CITIES AROUND
25 THE COUNTY DID, WHICH IS RUSH BEFORE THE BILL WENT INTO EFFECT



1 AND BORROWED MONEY. YOU DID THAT. YOUR CITY DID THAT. THE CITY
2 OF SANTA MONICA DID THAT. AND A BUNCH OF OTHER CITIES DID
3 THAT. AND IT'S HARD TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THOSE THAT DID IT
4 LEGITIMATELY AND FOR WHOM THIS IS A LONG-TERM PLAN AND JUST
5 HAPPENED TO BE CAUGHT UP IN A TIME WARP AND THOSE WHO WERE
6 JUST TRYING TO GAME THE SYSTEM. AND WE NEED TO FIGURE THAT
7 OUT. NOW, IF I CAN JUST TAKE A MINUTE, MR. CHAIRMAN. I
8 UNDERSTAND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IS OPPOSED TO THIS BILL?

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10 **JOHN LEONARD:** CORRECT.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT I DON'T KNOW IF THE
13 GOVERNOR TELEGRAPHS VETOES, BUT THE ASSUMPTION IS IT HE WILL
14 VETO THIS BILL IF IT EVER GETS TO HIS DESK. I DON'T KNOW WHY
15 YOU'RE HUNG UP ABOUT WHAT OUR POSITION IS ON THE BILL AND NOT
16 WORK ON THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE WHICH I THINK THEY HAVE MORE
17 INFLUENCE IN WHAT HAPPENS IN THE LEGISLATURE AND ON THE
18 GOVERNOR'S DESK THAN WE DO. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S YOUR CALL.
19 I'VE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE ASSEMBLYMAN BLOOM. I'M TRYING TO
20 UNDERSTAND HIS BILL AND WHAT IT DOES AND HOW IT IMPACTS US.
21 NOT JUST AS IT RELATES TO PLUMMER PARK. I LIVE CLOSER TO
22 PLUMMER PARK THAN YOU DO. BUT HOW IT RELATES TO THE WHOLE
23 COUNTY. THE WHOLE COUNTY OUT HERE. WITH A BUNCH OF CITIES. AND
24 EVERY ONE OF OUR DISTRICTS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'VE RECEIVED A LOT OF LETTERS FROM MY
2 CITIES ON VERY SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE PIPELINE,
3 (INAUDIBLE) PARK, LIBRARIES AND SOME OTHER PROJECTS IN MY
4 DISTRICT. SO I PROBABLY RECEIVED EIGHT LETTERS ASKING FOR US
5 TO CHANGE OUR POSITION FROM OPPOSED TO NEUTRAL.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE QUESTION IS WHAT'S THE IMPACT ON COUNTY?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND, I'M JUST SAYING.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GET IT. AND I RECEIVED FROM WEST HOLLYWOOD
12 AND SANTA MONICA. THOSE ARE THE TWO WE HEARD FROM. WE'RE
13 LOOKING AT IT. I KNOW YOU MET WITH MY STAFF JUST NOW. SO WE
14 WANT TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE I CHANGE MY POSITION.

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16 **JOHN LEONARD:** THANK YOU. AND I'M HAPPY TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER
17 INFORMATION TO YOUR STAFF.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** APPRECIATE IT. AND YOU'VE BEEN HELPFUL
20 TODAY. THIS AFTERNOON. MY STAFF HAS ADVISED ME.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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24 **DIANA RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DIANA RODRIGUEZ
25 AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. THE CITY OF



1 LYNWOOD IS ALSO RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT SUPERVISOR MARK
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS AS A REPRESENTATIVE REDIRECT OPPOSITION ON
3 A.B.2493. SINCE 2009 THE CITY OF LYNWOOD HAS BEEN PLANNING TO
4 EMBARK ON A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION
5 PLAN AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. THIS PLAN
6 WAS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING STATE LAWS. AS
7 PART OF THE PLAN, THE CITY OF LYNWOOD SOLD BONDS IN MARCH 2011
8 THE SALE OF THE BONDS WAS ALLOWED UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION
9 AT THE TIME. AND THE PROCEEDS OF THE BOND SALE WERE TO BE
10 APPLIED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THE PLANNING OF SUCH PROJECTS
12 COMMENCED IN FALL OF 2009 AND REQUIRED SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH
13 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND CONSTITUENT GROUPS. THE CITY OF
14 LYNWOOD IS ALSO ONE OF THE FEW CITIES THAT HAS TO GET COUNTY
15 PERMISSION TO PASS A BOND. THE CITY REACHED OUT TO SUPERVISOR
16 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR ASSISTANCE. THE BOND PASSED IN MARCH
17 2011 WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED. HOWEVER, ONCE A.B.1884 PASSED,
18 IT REACTIVATED THE DEADLINE FOR DISSOLUTION TO JANUARY 2011.
19 WE RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOU'VE WRITTEN A LETTER TO
22 SUPERVISOR--

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24 **DIANA RODRIGUEZ:** WE HAVE AND WE MET WITH HIS OFFICE, AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT?

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3 **WHITNEY RICHARDS-CALATHES:** MY NAME IS WHITNEY RICHARD-
4 CALATHES, I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M SPEAKING
5 TODAY BECAUSE I URGE YOU, ABSOLUTELY URGE YOU TO NOT PUT ANY
6 MORE MONEY TOWARDS JAIL EXPANSION INCLUDING \$2 MILLION WOMEN'S
7 VILLAGE AND THE 1.5 BILLION DOLLAR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
8 REPLACEMENT. I THINK WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH INFRASTRUCTURE IN
9 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND IN THE COUNTY TO OVER-INCARCERATE
10 PEOPLE ESPECIALLY PEOPLE OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE FROM
11 SOUTH L.A. AND INSTEAD I THINK EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM SHOULD
12 CONSIDER NOT JUST THE SUPERVISORS. EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM
13 SHOULD CONSIDER TAKING 1 PERCENT OF DOLLARS THAT GO TOWARD
14 LOCKING PEOPLE UP AND INSTEAD REDIRECTING IT INTO YOUTH
15 DEVELOPMENT, INTO JOBS, INTO SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY TO FIND
16 FIVE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. I THINK WE NEED
17 ALTERNATIVES. AS A TEACHER AND AN ORGANIZER. YOUTH JUSTICE
18 COALITION, I AM WITNESS EVERY DAY FIRSTHAND TO WHAT IT MEANS
19 TO INVEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I SUGGEST THAT EVERYONE COME
20 VISIT OUR CENTER LOCATED IN INGLEWOOD AND REALLY, REALLY SEE
21 WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF YOUTH. THANK
22 YOU.

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24 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS. I'M FROM
25 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH THE



1 JAIL EXPANSION GOING ON. WE NEED TO REINVEST IN DIFFERENT
2 ALTERNATIVES TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. AND FOR THEM TO CALL IT A
3 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IS TO ME IN A WAY SUGAR COATED TO MAKE
4 IT SOUND GOOD. IT'S NOT SOCIALLY HEALTHY OR NO SOCIAL WELFARE
5 IN BEING LOCKED UP AND TO CALL IT A REHABILITATION, WHICH IT
6 IS NOT. THEY NEED TO BE IN THE OUTSIDE IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.
7 THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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11 **KIM MCGILL:** KIM MCGILL YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION ALSO. I FIRST
12 WANT TO URGE YOU TO HAVE A REAL HEARING WHERE THE COMMUNITY
13 CAN COME WITH REAL PRESENTATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO
14 INCARCERATION. AS YOU KNOW, L.A. COUNTY HAS THE LARGEST COUNTY
15 JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD ALREADY. THE LARGEST PROBATION
16 DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD ALREADY. THE LARGEST JUVENILE HALLS
17 AND CAMP SYSTEM IN THE WORLD ALREADY. AND NOW WE'RE TALKING
18 ABOUT EXPANDING EVEN FURTHER. AT A TIME WHEN OUR COUNTY IS SO
19 BANKRUPT ON OTHER COSTS OF PRISONS THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE
20 PARKS, PLAYGROUND, JOB PROGRAMS EVEN DECENT EDUCATION FOR
21 YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE HAVE NOT TRIED BAIL
22 REFORM. WE REMAIN ONE OF THE MOST UNFAIR COUNTIES IN THE
23 NATION SO PEOPLE LANGUISH OR GET TRAPPED IN COUNTY JAILS
24 INSTEAD OF BEING BAILED OUT. WE HAVEN'T PUT ANY KIND OF REAL
25 EFFORT TOWARD OUTPATIENT AND INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT



1 THAT REALLY WORKS AS OPPOSED TO A CAGE WHICH ONLY EXACERBATES
2 OUR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION. WE HAVEN'T REALLY LOOKED AT THE
3 CONCERNS AROUND FLASH INCARCERATION AND THE RE INCARCERATING
4 OF A.B.109 TO OUR COUNTY. ALL THESE ARE LOOKED AT IN OTHER
5 COUNTIES AROUND THE STATE AND L.A. COUNTY REMAINS NOT ONLY AN
6 OUTLIER BUT AN EMBARRASSMENT TO CALIFORNIA. SO I URGE YOU TO
7 HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COME AND FOR OTHER EXPERTS
8 TO COME, TRUE EXPERTS THAT HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN IMPACTED BY THE
9 SYSTEM BUT HAVE RUN JAIL SYSTEMS IN OTHER COUNTIES.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ONLY ONE CLARIFICATION. YOU'RE
12 ABSOLUTELY WRONG. AND THAT THIS COUNTY IS NOT BANKRUPT. THIS
13 IS THE LARGEST MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTRY THAT GOT ITS CREDIT
14 RATING INCREASED THREE TIMES IN THE LAST 20 MONTHS. YOU CALLED
15 THIS COUNTY BANKRUPT BECAUSE WE'RE DOING -- SPENDING MONEY ON
16 INCREASING JAIL SPACE. THAT IS NOT THE ISSUE. THIS COUNTY IS -
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19 **KIM MCGILL:** WHAT I SAID IS THAT THE JAIL SYSTEM AND PRISON
20 SYSTEM HAS BANKRUPTED OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION,
21 PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS FOUR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. COME UP. NO PROBLEM. GO
24 AHEAD. WAIT A MINUTE. GET YOUR MICROPHONE ON.

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1 **PATRICE KARST:** IS MY MIC ON? DO I LOSE MY 9 SECONDS?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, WE'LL PUT IT BACK.

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5 **PATRICE KARST:** I'M HERE AGAIN. EARLIER MAX HUNTSMAN HAD TALKED
6 ABOUT PEOPLE NOT EXPECTING A WHITE KNIGHT TO COME AND SAVE
7 THEM. I'M LOOKING FOR A WHITE KNIGHT. I'M LOOKING FOR
8 EXONERATION. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
9 MEETING. I'M NOT AN ACTIVIST UNTIL THIS ALL HAPPENED TO ME.
10 I'M A CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR. I'M BEGGING YOU, MICHAEL
11 ANTONOVICH, I'M LOOKING AT YOU. I DON'T KNOW YOU ALL. ZEV
12 YAROSLAVSKY WAS THE ONLY PERSON THAT WROTE BACK TO ME. 61
13 SECONDS. I WAS ARRESTED. PROSECUTED. MY MUGSHOT RELEASED. I
14 WANT EXONERATION. I'M BEGGING YOU TO FIND SOMEONE TO HELP ME.
15 I CALLED THE INNOCENCE PROJECT THAT WILL ONLY HELP YOU IF
16 YOU'VE BEEN INCARCERATED. I'VE CALLED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
17 THAT YOU SPOKE OF. I'VE CALLED AND WRITTEN TO THE F.B.I. ERIC
18 GARCETTI. PLEASE, I AM BEGGING YOU, 61 SECONDS AND I WAS
19 ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED. THE MALIBU JAIL IS NOW CLOSED DOWN
20 BECAUSE OF THEIR BUDGET ISSUES. WHAT HAPPENED TO ME NEVER
21 SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED. HELP ME, PLEASE, SOMEBODY. PLEASE.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SOMEONE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL
24 TALK TO HER PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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1 **LORRAINE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
4 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, AND ITEM NO.
5 CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT
6 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
7 THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AUGUST 5, 2014**

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Special Closed Session item CS-1 was taken off calendar.

Regular Closed Session items CS-1 and CS-2 had no reportable action.

In open session, items CS-3 and CS-4 were continued one week to August 12, 2014.



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